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**DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**  
in particular.

**A RETROSPECT.**

**W**ITH January, 1922, nearly through, one can perhaps be pardoned for looking back, on the events of the past year in connection with the local District Association of the C.T.C. Under the new regime following the Special General Meeting held early in March last, this organization has embarked upon an active and consistent policy of providing all grades of cyclists with a varied riding programme—including week-end fixtures—*throughout the year*. These runs have been well supported month by month, thus testifying to the real need for something of the sort in Bristol. To take at random a few “tit-bits” from last season’s programme—the pilgrimage to Meriden in order to witness the unveiling of the National Cyclists’ War Memorial, the inter-D.A. meet at Oxford, when about three hundred members of the C.T.C. from every direction met on Magdalen Bridge in July, week-ends at Ross-on-Wye, Worcester, Cirencester and Warminster, whilst the entirely successful 24-hour Ride which took place on July 16th and 17th was the first of a series of annual events of a like nature; all this we hope to accomplish again this year—and more! A month or so back, in order to meet the wishes of all with regard to distance and pace, it was decided to form two sections on the Sunday runs—the energetically inclined riding perhaps 75 to 90 miles, whilst the other is a quiet potter, resulting in a total of from 45 to 50 miles.

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On December 17th and 18th a week-end was arranged to Cardiff at the invitation of the local Association there in order to hear Mr. W. M. Robinson—better known to readers of *Cycling* as “Wayfarer”—lecture on “The Lure of the Road.” Seven members from Bristol undertook the journey and thoroughly enjoyed themselves—largely due to the kindness and hospitality extended to them by Mr. H. T. Jones, the Secretary of the Cardiff and South Wales District Association, and his colleagues.

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Apropos “The Ancient’s” remarks on winter riding in *The Sportsman* last month, the 15th of January should form an illustration of the C.T.C.’s capabilities in this direction. Six stalwarts, having bid a fond farewell to those at home, braved the elements and rode through snow and sleet, rain and wind, to Gloucester and Berkeley. And their names shall be writ large on the scroll of fame. It snowed more than you realized, too, you firesiders—some three inches deep ten miles out of Bristol!

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The Annual General Meeting of the District Association takes place on Wednesday, February 8th, at 7.15 p.m., at Stuckey's Restaurant, Wine Street. The more serious business part of the programme, including the impressive ceremonial of the presenting of the Secretary's Report, and the passing thereof (and also that of the said Secretary should this not prove satisfactory), is to be followed by a musical evening provided by members and friends.

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The following runs for February having been arranged, a cordial invitation is hereby extended to every cyclist to meet us at any of the undermentioned starting places, at the time indicated.

- Feb. 11 (Sat.)—Banwell. Meet Flax Bourton Church, 3 p.m.  
 „ 12 (Sun.)—Beckhampton. Meet Brislington Tram Term., 10 a.m.  
 „ 12 (Sun.)—Lacock. Meet Brislington Tram Term., 10.30 a.m.  
 „ 18 (Sat.)—North Nibley. Meet Anchor, Filton, 2.45 p.m.  
 „ 19 (Sun.)—Kilve. Meet Ashton Tram Term., 10 a.m.  
 „ 19 (Sun.)—Brent Knoll. Meet Ashton Tram Term., 10.30 a.m.  
 „ 25 (Sat.)—Bathampton. Meet Brislington Tram Term., 3 p.m.  
 „ 26 (Sun.)—Minchinhampton. Meet Anchor, Filton, 10 a.m.  
 „ 26 (Sun.)—Dursley. Meet Anchor, Filton, 10 30 a.m.

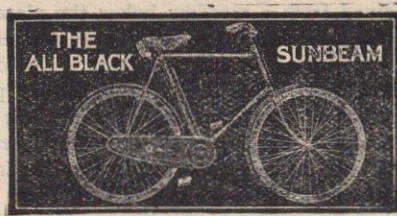
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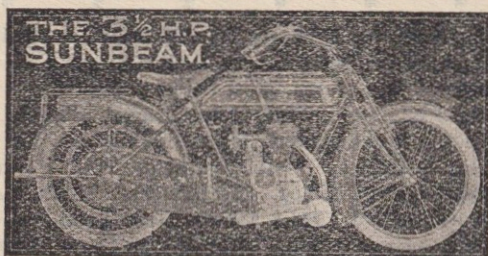
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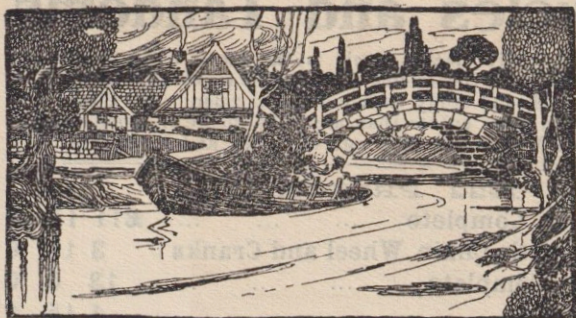


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## Cycling

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### The Thing Required.

**S**HORTLY prior to Christmas, the Bristol Centre of the N.C.U. called a meeting of Delegates, and Club Secretaries to discuss the problem of a possible revival of the pre-war popularity of Cycling Clubs, and any suggested scheme, by such a desirable end may be brought about.

The attendance at this meeting was regrettably small, and after some discussion, the matter was postponed, with the intention of making another attempt early in the present year, when another meeting will be called, in the hope that more interest in the subject will be evinced by Bristol cyclists.

There is no doubt that the advent of the motor-cycle is the chief cause of the decadence of cycling as a sport generally, although the complete absence of a track for training purposes is also locally responsible. And yet, one would think that to the young man, physically fit, motor-cycling competitions would appeal with much less force than the older form of sport. The motor-cyclist claims the title of sport, for his proceeding, although it savours more of engine-driving combined with dodges—in the suspected neighbourhood of “official checkers,” than with the good sound British article, which inspires the contestant to his utmost endeavours of physical endurance and determination.

Regarding the matter in thiswise, I am of the opinion that the great desideratum for the revival of popularity in cycling club-dom, is a resuscitation of the old spirit of sport and emulation in the ranks of its younger men. Club-runs and social functions are pleasant phazes, but to gain anything of a name, a club must be able to boast its members successes on road or path.

I am appending an account of the “12 hours” road-performance of a Bristol Doctor, accomplished some few years ago, as an example of the old spirit which attached to our local clubs, and induced some of their members to go “all out” in their love of the sport, and for no other reward than attached to the effort and the winning of a club-medal. The account originally appeared in the Bristol Bicycle and Tricycle Club Gazette—*The Ancient* :

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"I found myself at the Barracks on the morning of October 5, in company with Appleton and Edmonds, at 7.12, my starting time being 7.15. At 7.15 we saw a tandem coming up with Seargent and Morrish on board. We altered 7.15 on the card to 7.17, and started at that time, the tandem leading, the rest hanging on. The tandem went off at a 'twenty' pace, and that in the face of a strong wind. I had to call 'steady!' once or twice in the first two miles. Going down Filton Hill I let my machine run in front, and here, feeling the full force of the wind for the first time, I wisely decided to stick to the back-wheel of my leaders. Passing the farm-house at the last corner of Milbury Heath, two colliers drove a flock of sheep right across the road as the tandem dashed past. I had just time to stick my toe in the front fork, to brake, whilst Edmonds and Appleton behind, managed to pull up. By the time Falfield was reached we were all warming up. We passed 'Mother Nelves' (Cambridge), at 8.25. 1 hr. 8 min. Gloucester at 9.3. Here Appleton and Edmonds stayed with Edbrooke, who had come up by train, to refresh, but we went through to Cheltenham. The road leading down to the pillar was under repair, being stopped with hurdles, except for a narrow passage, for the workmen. We availed ourselves of this, but at last even this passage was denied us, and we were reluctantly compelled to take the path. On returning I got in front of the tandem, and on reaching the front hurdle found the men had stopped the gap, and I nearly came a cropper. Back to Gloucester at 9.25. The last seventeen miles occupied fifty minutes. At Gloucester I fed—tea, hot milk, and a bun.

"Behind the tandem, accompanied by Edbrooke I reached Tewkesbury at 10.35. There, Seargent took Appleton's machine home, leaving a vacant seat on the tandem. Edmonds took me up to within a mile of Evesham. Tewkesbury, a second time, at 12.10. As it was cattle-fair day here, we had a good many 'easings up' on the way. Fed once more, and Appleton and Morrish took me in tow for 'first milestone' this side Worcester. After riding up the hill out of Tewkesbury, I had a real 'bad time,' and the next three miles took, I should say, twenty minutes. The long run down the Common refreshed me somewhat, and I was splendidly 'nursed' by my pace-makers. I munched some half dozen pears, and gradually the 'bad time' wore off, and I reached the 'first milestone' well up to my programme, 1.15, and back again to Tewkesbury. Edmonds took me back to Gloucester—Edbrooke had gone on ahead—in twenty-eight minutes, the tandem catching us up about half-way. At Gloucester, another cup of tea, and pint of warm milk, and I left for Upton-on-Severn, twenty-five minutes before my time-table. The road out of Gloucester is rather trying, one ascent being nearly two miles, and several 'up-hills' of a quarter mile further on. I went right into Upton, and, here, my worries began. Whilst Edbrooke was signing my card, my tyre burst. Edbrooke took the bike to a repairers, and after partaking a milk and soda, I took his mount and started quietly for Gloucester, 3.57. His gear was 80, mine, 73½, the reach was two inches too high, and the handles set differently from mine. However, I pushed along. When two miles out, I met a man and woman with a perambulator. As I was going up-hill

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and they were, apparently, looking at me I did not ring up. When passing, the man jumped at me and knocked me over. I lost a toe-clip, and twisted a crank and pedal. The man was blind, I discovered, so I swallowed a full sized mouthful of language suitable to a like collision under other circumstances, re-mounted and rode off. Two miles further on I met Heron and again changed mounts. Heron's remarks on the gradients, surface, and bike enlivened me, and I rattled over another five miles. The frame of my fresh mount was so high that I could but just reach the pedals with my toes, and as there was a long 'up-hill,' I re-took Edbrooke's machine, and on this reached Gloucester. For the first time, I was behind my table, which by the way, was arranged for 187 miles. Refreshed at Gloucester for the last time, got my lamp, and started for home at 5.16. I had determined by now to go for something better, and asked Appleton and Morrish to keep going as fast as I could ride. We left Gloucester at a twenty-two pace, I felt better, than I had at starting, and ran through Cambridge though heaving a sigh of regret that 'Mother Nelves' pump was not available at Stone, we lighted up, and, the tandem keeping to a pace which suited me, pulled up the long slope from Falfield to the top of Milbury Heath. The 'Ship' passed, I felt nearly home—only Filton to climb. That was easier than expected, and I was at the Barracks, 187 miles, with thirteen minutes to spare. I longed for 190, and Appleton and Morrish, keen as myself, on my doing this, offered to risk a little and make for 'Neptune' in Victoria Street. I leave the journey down through the Croft to your imagination. We steadied at the top of Union Street. St. Nicholas Clock chimed 7.15 as the tandem rushed past the gentleman in blue at Bristol Bridge. I distinctly saw the severe shock he suffered. Before he could recover I slipped past, and dismounted at the 'Neptune.' I found I had, with the coveted 190 miles to my credit, one minute to spare.

I confess, I felt rather pleased with my performance, until I heard that Edmonds had since remarked that, if I had not been 'so keen on refreshment, and a little less lazy,' I could have put in a 'decent ride.'

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The room should be spacious and free from draughts. Cages should be large to allow the hens plenty of exercise ; this also is an important factor, as it assists materially in keeping the hens fit. If they are cramped up in their flight cages they acquire the quarrelling and plucking habit, under which the cock-bird and the offspring later on have to suffer.

The feeding is quits simple. No egg-food is given to the hens during the winter. Good, sound rape-seed must be the main food ; every second day give some Canary-seed, and occasionally some Niga seed, also some uncracked hemp, of the latter however only very little, as it is too fattening. Oats should be given very rarely if at all, as they bring the hens forward too much. Never omit to give them cuttle-fish.

Always give plenty of food when birds are kept cold and in large flying cages, because, with a lot of exercise, birds eat more than usual. Hens which were wintered in a cold room, are much more in the breeder's hand with regard to time of making a start with breeding operations ; he can regulate it practically to his own liking.

Warm wintering of hens has its good and bad sides. Such hens, however, are often ready for breeding shortly after Christmas, and once they are ready it is very detrimental to them to forcibly suppress nature. They will be the ones which "fail" and disappoint. After wintering in a warm room, breeding can be started very early, but there must never be too pronounced variations in the temperature.

One great drawback is that nights are too long, so that the young ones have to go too long a time without food. Birds bred under these conditions of artificial warmth and light very often get bowel troubles ; as a matter of fact this seems practically unavoidable.

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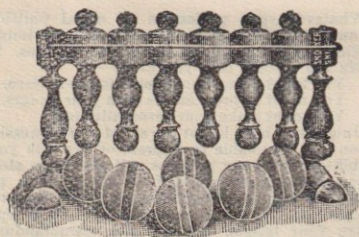
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Whether that gentleman concerned with the "white man's grave" episode has apologised yet?

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What Broad Plain player was chartered into action for the Bristol League, which recently had to play a guarantee match?

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And what Vice Chairman of yet another local league ran after that player?

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How many players went to Yeovil to play in a recent match, and were the majority "slipped"?

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Why we never hear of any misconduct cases in Rugby, and are the "press" invited to meetings?

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If it's true the G.F.A. have new headquarters? And by "George" is it called "Waggon Horses"?

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Whether we shall ever hear of an effort to obtain dues of a local club secretary, who is now "out of work," and over whose declarations a club was suspended?

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If it pays always to tell the "truth" in football matters? And what some clubs are thinking?

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If it's true some junior leagues may enforce birth certificates of players next season?

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Just what did happen over the evidence given in a certain "cup" tie case recently?

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Who is the Referee critic recently seen at Eastville? And why should he openly expose any weaknesses of referees instead of whispering the defects to the official in charge?

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Who is the Bristol Referee making a journey of something over 120 miles on December 31st found on arriving at Temple Meads Station, that he had about 5s. with which to pay his fare, and how did he manage?

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## Kingswood & District League.

### A HALF-TIME REVIEW.

The end of the year finds us with half the football programme completed, and it is perhaps fitting, that we should just notice how we stand. The summit will be more easily reached if a "breather" be taken on the way. To most football enthusiasts "the play's the thing," and we have formed the habit of measuring success by the position occupied in the League Table. Accepting that standard the palm should be awarded to Wesley Rangers, who stand at the head of the Junior Section with 20 consecutive victories to their credit and the splendid goal average of 117 to 20. The "whippers-in" at present are St. Matthews, The "N.E." and the "Congs," with Bourne Juniors favourably placed in the matter of points lost.

Among the Seniors Oldland St. Annes, like Wesley Rangers, is the only undefeated team, and it is quite evident that they have a well-balanced side. Bourne, All Saints O.B., and Speedwell are all playing well, and interesting developments may occur.

But what shall be said of those teams that are found at the lower end of the tables? Are they to be written down as failures? Think of Hanham Baptist, a team composed mainly of young players battling week by week against superior forces, yet always emerging with spirit undaunted. Of All Saints Juniors, who for three months was the doormat for all and sundry, but who now are proud in the possession of 9 points. Of St. Michaels who stood for good sportmanship, even though it meant the weakening of their team, and who now are being rewarded with repeated victories. Of Kensington Villa, who can't seem to win, yet they keep on trying. These certainly have not failed. At least they have met with relative and comparative success, and their moral gain is probably beyond estimate.

### CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

Several interesting functions took place during Christmas week, and they were eminently successful. On December 29th a supper was arranged under the auspices of *Wesley Social Club*, belonging to Wesley Memorial U.M. Church. An offshoot of this club is the Wesley Rangers Football team, and a most pleasing feature is the excellent relationship which exists between this, and the other sections of this Institutional Church. Proceedings commenced at 6.30, when about 70 sat down to well-spread tables. After the first course several toasts were submitted, and acknowledged in time-honoured fashion. The Rev. E. M. Moyle submitted "The Chairman," and made complimentary reference to the good work already being done by the Kingswood and District League. The Chairman, after recovering his breath, which had been temporarily taken away by the warmth of the welcome extended, suitably (or otherwise) replied. Next was proposed "Wesley Rangers" by Mr. Simmonds, who is "guide, counsellor and friend" to the players. Capt. Anstey, Vice-Capt. Waite,

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and Mr. Horwood briefly replied. Then followed "The Social Club," submitted by Mr. G. Bush, whose speech revealed a sympathetic appreciation of the needs of young men. Coupled with this toast was the name of Mr. B. G. Peters, the somewhat reticent, but most amiable and able Secretary of the Social Club: to whose initiative it owed its existence. Finally, Mr. Lovell gave "The Church Trustees," and referred to the wisdom and foresight displayed, when they allowed the Social Club to make the building its headquarters. The Church Steward, Mr. G. Peters, responded. Dinner was then proceeded with, and was followed by an Impromptu Concert, and not until the small hand of the clock was in close proximity to eleven, did the gathering break up. Before the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" a comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Way.

Unfortunately, Mr. W. Lewis, the Secretary of the Football Club was unable to be present owing to serious illness. There was a general expression of regret and sympathy. We are pleased to find that the critical stage has been passed, and there is now excellent prospects of recovery.

The following is by Mr. Joe Stone, and is not only a tribute to the "Rangers," but contains sound advice:—

Wesley Rangers leads the way  
 Every lad his part doth play  
 Strong in defence, and judgment true  
 Leaving no loopholes to slip through  
 Evenly balanced, quick in attack  
 You'll certainly find them a hard nut to crack.

Remember you who are eager to rise  
 Always keep trying, you'll spring a surprise  
 Never give up, and don't hang on the ball  
 Good sportsmen be though you cannot win all  
 Ever keep smiling, and don't disagree  
 Respect and abide by the Referee  
 Surely bad feeling will hinder you sore

Play a clean game you'll enjoy it the more.

#### POPLAR ROVERS HUT OPENING.

In a recent issue, reference was made to the erection of a Hut, to be used by Poplar Rovers, not only as a dressing-room on Saturdays, but for Social recreation during week evenings. This hut was formally opened on December 29th. Over 100 persons sat down to a Meat Tea. In fact, the capacity of the adjoining Schoolroom was severely taxed, for the men were accompanied by wives and sweethearts. After tea the "opening ceremony" was performed, which was followed by a "Social," presided over by Mr. A. V. Stone, supported by Mr. S. Brain. An excellent musical programme had been arranged, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.

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## JUNIOR SECTION INTER-LEAGUE MATCH.

On January 28th we have arranged to play a Junior Section Inter-League match with the Church of England League. The match will take place on the ground of Wesley Rangers at Blackboy Lane. It is situated near St. Aidans Fare Stage, on the Hanham Car Line. Mr. H. Parsons, the Chairman of the Bristol and District League has consented to Referee. Our own League Chairman, Mr. F. Brookes will kick-off at 2.45. A good attendance is expected, and an interesting game should result. The Committee appointed have selected the following team, with a reserve for each position. Some players will be disappointed, no doubt, but only eleven can play, and the difficulty confronting the selection committee was not who to put in, but who to leave out. Mr. C. Knowlson has been chosen as our Linesman.

## Team :—

Goal—Pearn (Kensington Villa Junrs.)  
 Fry (" Congs ")  
 (Capt) Anstey (Wesley Rangers).  
 Henderson (Bourne Junrs.)  
 Baggot (East End)  
 Doane (Hanham Tab.)  
 Leonard (Wesley Rangers)  
 Palmer (" N.E.")  
 Scott (St. Matthews)  
 Britton (Bourne Junrs.)  
 Wride (Hanham Baptist Jun.)

## Reserves :—

" Goalie " (Southville)  
 — Ettle (Hanham Tab.)  
 Whittock (Bourne Junrs.).  
 Bright (" Congs ")  
 Dyer (Southville)  
 Warren (East End)  
 Jennings (All Saints' Junrs.)  
 Bright (Wesley Rangers)  
 Thayer (" Congs ")  
 Thayer (" Congs ")  
 Hobbs (East End)

## OVERHEARD.

" Jack, thee must'nt shout at the Referee like that."

" Not shout at the Referee, what doost think we do cum to football matches vor then." A.S.

## LEAGUE TABLES TO JANUARY 7th.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
All Saints' O.B. ... ..	8	6	1	1	26	13	13
Bourne ... ..	8	6	0	2	20	8	12
Oldland St. Annes ... ..	5	5	0	0	20	0	10
Speedwell ... ..	8	4	2	2	13	7	10
Brockham Hill Rangers ... ..	9	4	2	3	19	16	10
Poplar Rovers ... ..	10	2	4	4	18	22	8
Warmley Res. ... ..	9	2	2	5	7	15	6
Hopewell Hill ... ..	11	2	2	7	15	30	6
Hanham Baptist ... ..	10	1	1	8	9	36	3

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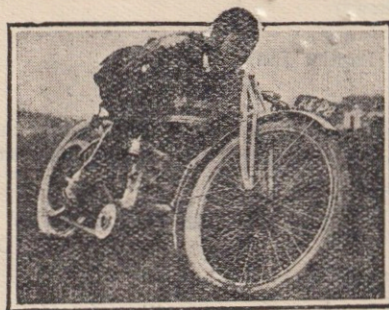


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Bourne	...	...	...	6	5	0	1	16	8	10
Speedwell	...	...	...	7	4	1	2	13	7	9
All Saints' O.B.	...	...	...	6	4	0	2	14	7	8
Poplar Rovers	...	...	...	8	3	1	4	18	16	7
Brockham Hill Rangers	...	...	...	4	2	1	1	8	4	5
Warmley Res.	...	...	...	6	1	1	4	5	12	3
Hopewell Hill	...	...	...	2	0	0	2	1	10	0
Hanham Baptist	...	...	...	3	0	0	3	3	14	0

**Junior Section Table to December 10th.**

Wesley Rangers	...	...	...	20	20	0	0	117	20	40
St. Matthew's	...	...	...	16	14	1	1	104	11	29
Kingswood North End	...	...	...	19	11	2	6	76	38	24
Kingswood Congregational	...	...	...	18	10	2	6	55	56	22
Bourne Junrs.	...	...	...	12	10	0	2	51	16	20
Hanham Baptist Juniors	...	...	...	14	9	1	4	39	31	19
Siston	...	...	...	16	7	3	6	54	35	17
East End	...	...	...	15	7	2	6	39	44	16
Cockroad U.M.	...	...	...	16	5	3	8	58	45	13
Southville	...	...	...	17	5	3	9	33	44	13
Staple Hill Utd.	...	...	...	17	5	1	11	28	74	11
Hanham Tab.	...	...	...	17	4	2	11	39	56	10
All Saints' Juniors	...	...	...	18	3	3	12	26	81	9
St. Michael's	...	...	...	18	4	1	13	32	87	9
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## My Opinion.

### LAWS GOVERNING CUP TIES.

EDITOR.—The following article received by us is published without the personalities contained therein.

DEAR SIR,

Local club chatter is at present raised to the height of indignation and surprise, following the results of recent breaches of laws, relative to Gloucester County Cup Ties.

The cases are so similar, and the sentences so uneven, that one cannot wonder at the effort made by representatives of the G.F.A. to level up punishment.

The cases in question are those of Lyndale v. Parson Street, and Leather Trades v. Mangotsfield.

The first case proved Lyndale guilty of playing an ineligible player in a Cup Tie, and reporting a false name on the team sheet returned, the latter offence being condoned by the club committee.

The club spoke the truth, admitted the offence, and were expelled the competition and fined £1.

The G.F.A. carried out the rule to the extreme in expelling the club, though the fine was just half of what the rule permits.

Then let us read the other case, Mangotsfield played an ineligible player and reported a false name on their team sheet. According to a press report, the official acted when in a state of "mental aberration" and the false name was explained. Result—Mangotsfield fined £2 2s., forfeit share of gate, and *replay the match*.

Now I wish to point out the offences were the same, so far as law was concerned, and both clubs committed a breach. The explanations given cannot alter the law.

#### THE PENALTIES.

Lyndale's punishment was absolutely definite, and I have no desire to condone their offence.

The Mangotsfield punishment amounts to nothing inasmuch as, the fine and share of gate to be paid to the G.F.A. Benevolent Fund was more than covered in the replay match the following week. Furthermore, the club were left in the competition and thus lives to pull up any deficiency caused by "penalties imposed?"

I have no desire to labour on the subject, except that, in my opinion, the representatives who endeavoured to contest the matter are to be commended on their actions, while the club who has suffered must surely feel proud that, come what might, they spoke the truth, and upheld their club dignity and honour.

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St. Werburgh's ... ..	10	8	1	1	41	13	17
St. Peter's (Bishopsworth) ...	12	8	1	3	47	17	17
Publow and Pensford ... ..	9	8	0	1	41	4	16
St. Nicholas (W.) ... ..	12	8	0	4	38	18	16
St. Mary Redcliffe ... ..	10	6	3	1	35	8	15
St. Thomas (E) ... ..	12	6	3	3	27	20	15
St. Francis ... ..	8	3	1	4	15	18	7
Horfield Church ... ..	8	3	0	5	13	31	6
St. Paul's (Bedminster) ... ..	13	3	0	10	15	47	6
St. Peter's (C.W.) ... ..	13	1	0	12	5	51	2

### DIVISION 2.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Wadley End Mission ... ..	15	11	1	3	45	24	23
Holy Trinity (B.S.) ... ..	11	8	1	2	33	8	17
Holy Trinity (St. Philip's) ...	14	7	3	4	19	16	17
Yatton ... ..	11	7	2	2	30	20	16
East Compton ... ..	14	6	4	4	25	21	16
St. Simon's ... ..	14	6	3	5	28	26	15
Emmanuel ... ..	14	4	6	4	21	18	14
Portishead Legion ... ..	15	5	4	5	37	30	14
St. Anne's (Oldland) ... ..	7	6	1	0	51	5	13
St. Nicholas (W.) Res. ... ..	12	4	3	5	16	19	11
St. Silas Y.M.B.C. ... ..	16	3	3	10	14	37	9
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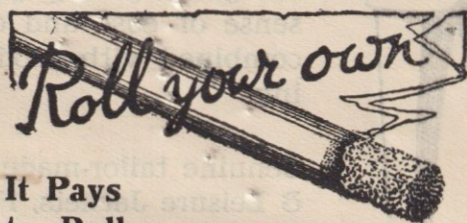
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Redcliffe Athletic ... ..	17	17	0	0	73	10	34
St. Saviour's (C.H.) ... ..	18	14	1	3	74	19	29
St. Luke's (Barton Hill) ... ..	19	14	1	4	75	22	29
Christ Church (C. of E.) ... ..	15	12	0	3	52	13	24
Temple Church ... ..	18	10	2	6	40	32	22
St. Ambrose ... ..	18	9	2	7	45	46	20
St. Andrew's (Avonmouth) ... ..	17	6	3	8	41	40	15
St. Silas Mission ... ..	14	6	2	6	29	38	14
St. Peter's (F.C.) ... ..	13	5	2	6	24	31	12
Southmead Mission ... ..	15	5	2	8	34	37	12
St. Gabriel's ... ..	12	5	0	7	33	35	10
St. Cuthbert's ... ..	15	4	2	9	32	51	10
St. Lawrence ... ..	18	4	0	14	20	52	8
Emanuel Res. ... ..	15	2	2	11	21	64	6
*Wadley End Res. ... ..	15	2	0	13	20	67	4
Horfield Church Res. ... ..	13	0	3	10	10	62	3



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St. Werburgh's Res. ...	16	16	0	0	95	15	32
All Saints' Scouts (Fishponds) ...	15	10	3	2	38	17	23
St. Andrew's (A.) Res. ...	17	8	4	5	46	23	20
Publow and Pensford Juniors ...	11	9	0	2	44	11	18
Temple Juniors ...	19	6	5	8	34	35	17
St. Anne's Res. (Oldland) ...	15	6	4	5	26	22	16
St. Stephen's Juniors ...	18	7	2	9	31	16	16
St. Dunstan's ...	18	6	4	8	26	26	16
St. Cuthbert's Res....	16	6	2	8	39	45	14
St. Peter's (Portishead) ...	13	5	1	7	27	44	11
St. Mary's (R.) Juniors ...	17	5	1	11	26	54	11
St. Simon's Juniors ...	15	4	1	10	23	39	9
Redcliffe Athletic Res. ...	16	3	2	11	16	42	8
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Matches up to January 21st, inclusive.

### DIVISION 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Victoria Albions ... ..	12	10	0	2	33	7	22
Butler's Ltd. ... ..	14	9	2	3	60	14	21
Ashton City ... ..	15	9	3	3	38	22	21
St. Pancras ... ..	13	7	3	3	38	19	17
Bristol Leather Trades ... ..	12	4	1	7	38	17	15
Coalpit Heath ... ..	12	5	4	3	18	18	13
Lyndale ... ..	12	5	5	2	24	23	12
Avonmouth ... ..	12	4	5	3	24	14	11
Bristol Aero. Co. ... ..	12	5	6	1	26	24	11
East Bristol Y.M.C.A. ... ..	12	3	9	0	13	42	6
Merrywood United ... ..	9	1	6	2	17	35	4
Horfield United ... ..	9	0	8	1	12	40	1
6th Glo'sters ... ..	10	0	9	1	11	63	1

### DIVISION 2.

Coe, Church & McPherson ...	15	13	1	1	50	9	27
Redfield Brotherhood ...	16	11	4	1	31	15	23
Hamilion ... ..	16	8	2	6	29	26	22
Hanham Villa ... ..	12	10	1	1	35	5	21
Winterbourne Down Sports ...	14	8	2	4	30	13	20
Brislington United ... ..	16	9	6	1	35	21	18
Eclipse ... ..	17	7	7	3	28	22	17
Parson Street Old Boys ...	12	7	5	0	23	12	14
Warmley Tower Villa ...	16	4	7	5	29	34	13
R.A.M.C. (T.) ... ..	16	5	10	1	23	42	11
Bristol Trams ... ..	14	4	8	2	23	36	10
Iron Acton and Yate ... ..	16	4	11	1	18	32	9
Raleigh United ... ..	13	3	8	2	19	27	8
Jennings Ltd. ... ..	16	2	14	0	15	55	4
Avonclift ... ..	13	2	11	0	6	39	4

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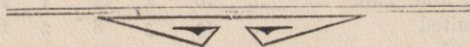


## DIVISION 3.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Pucklechurch ... ..	18	15	2	1	59	12	31
Redding United ... ..	17	12	1	4	52	18	28
Fishponds Town ... ..	16	12	1	3	69	8	27
Newtown Old Boys ... ..	12	10	0	2	56	4	22
St. John's Villa ... ..	14	9	2	3	38	12	21
Ashton City Res. ... ..	15	8	5	2	46	29	18
Langtonians ... ..	17	8	7	2	37	33	18
St. Joseph's ... ..	14	5	5	4	32	38	14
Dean Lane Mission ... ..	13	5	6	2	17	28	12
Owen Street Mission ... ..	16	2	8	6	24	34	10
Winterbourne Villa ... ..	14	4	9	1	17	48	9
Bedminster Dominicans ... ..	17	3	13	1	24	57	7
St. Pancras Res. ... ..	13	2	8	3	21	32	7
6th Glo'sters Res. ... ..	13	3	9	1	18	70	7
Greenhill Star ... ..	14	2	10	2	18	42	6
Hilldale United ... ..	15	0	14	1	8	72	1

## DIVISION 4.

Wesley Chapel ... ..	18	16	1	1	65	17	33
Shaftesbury ... ..	20	14	4	2	50	21	30
Bitton ... ..	20	11	4	5	43	30	27
Longwell Green ... ..	18	10	3	5	36	8	25
Ashton Gate Brewery ... ..	19	12	6	1	59	37	24
G.W.R. ... ..	14	8	3	3	39	16	19
Bushy Park Wesleyan ... ..	19	7	8	4	32	29	18
Avonmouth Reserves ... ..	18	8	9	1	50	37	17
Bedminster Victoria ... ..	13	7	3	3	31	14	17
Y.M.C.A. Bro. ... ..	17	6	7	4	37	37	16
Westbury ... ..	18	7	9	2	30	44	16
Berkeley United ... ..	18	6	10	2	27	31	14
Cowlin's Sports ... ..	14	5	8	1	26	41	11
John Hare & Co. ... ..	17	5	12	0	28	52	10
United Yeast Co. ... ..	17	4	11	2	26	43	10
Ashton Avenue ... ..	16	0	12	4	20	43	4
Salem P.M. ... ..	18	0	16	2	13	113	2



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## DIVISION 5.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Parson Street Old Boys Res. ... 20	13	4	3	42	28	29	
Eastville U.M. ... 17	13	3	1	66	18	27	
British Petroleum Co. ... 16	11	2	3	44	12	25	
Bedminster Thistle ... 15	11	3	1	37	14	23	
Dings Villa ... 13	10	1	2	67	15	22	
Brecknell's Nomads ... 16	8	5	3	28	22	19	
Brislington Wesleyan ... 14	8	6	0	28	22	16	
Bristol East Labour Party ... 13	7	5	1	26	16	15	
Brislington United Res. ... 16	6	7	3	32	28	15	
Winterbourne Down Sports Res. 16	5	7	4	29	34	14	
Pucklechurch Res ... 17	4	8	5	26	36	13	
Ravenswood ... 15	5	10	0	23	34	10	
Lyndale Res. ... 17	4	11	2	19	35	10	
Knowle Athletic ... 17	3	12	2	16	66	8	
F. Braby & Co. ... 15	3	12	0	25	52	6	
Castle Green... ... 19	0	15	4	16	85	4	

## DIVISION 6.

Co-op Society Guild ... 20	19	0	1	115	7	39
Brick Street Mission ... 19	13	4	2	70	21	28
York House ... 18	12	3	3	72	22	27
Victoria Rangers ... 17	11	4	2	45	24	24
Dean Villa ... 19	10	6	3	54	29	23
Cadbury Heath Y.M.C.A. ... 18	10	5	3	39	21	23
Bedminster Wesleyan ... 17	8	3	6	42	18	22
Pullin, Thomas & Slade ... 18	9	6	3	42	29	21
St. John's Villa Res. ... 16	9	7	0	37	47	18
Easton Athletic ... 18	7	10	1	30	50	15
St. Mark's Baptist... ... 16	6	8	2	40	44	14
Portwall Rangers ... 17	5	11	1	33	61	11
Raleigh United Res. ... 20	4	13	3	25	63	11
Y.M.C.A. Brotherhood Res. ... 16	5	10	1	22	62	11
Old King Street Wesleyan ... 14	1	10	3	16	44	5
Stoates' Mills ... 18	2	16	0	22		
Henleaze ... 19	2	17	0	17	84	

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## Jottings from the Juniors.

**S**O Kensington Junior and Avonmouth have registered their first victory. It is a true saying, "Everything comes to those who wait."

No team, yet, has been able to lower the colours of either of the Shirehampton teams. "What a red letter day for the team that does."

East Bristol have just obtained another "Ball." Everyone will welcome Ernie back to the game.

Glad to hear Fred West (Avonleigh) is better again. Good sport and sets a good example.

So the case over the "age limit" has been proved, and the player has suffered.

Why not a few Inter-League matches in the Junior Section of all local Leagues.

There must, however, be an age limit.

Look out for big developments in the sweet by-and-bye.

How many School Boy Internationals are now playing in Junior Leagues?

Park Villa have now taken the place of Bedminster Dominicans, and I am sure all our Club's will join with me in wishing them "success" in their new venture. Their Secretaries address—R. Jones, 19 Somerset Terrace, Victoria Park. Dressing room (pro tem), 20 Kensal Road, St. John's Lane. Colours—Black and Amber.

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## DIVISION 1

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Shirehampton ... ..	18	16	0	2	84	14	34
Avonleigh ... ..	15	14	1	0	65	7	28
Winterbourne ... ..	15	12	3	0	51	23	24
Mangotsfield ... ..	14	10	4	0	68	19	20
East Bristol Y.M.C.A. ... ..	14	8	4	2	46	27	18
Rechabites ... ..	16	8	8	0	31	34	16
Kingswood Congregational ... ..	16	7	8	1	32	35	15
Eastville U.M. ... ..	17	6	10	1	39	50	13
Wick ... ..	14	5	7	2	22	38	12
Horfield United Juniors ... ..	15	5	9	1	24	44	11
Factory Street ... ..	13	2	10	1	18	39	5
St. Werburgh's ... ..	14	2	11	1	15	44	5
Kensington Juniors ... ..	11	1	10	0	8	70	2
Avon Athletic ... ..	11	0	10	1	4	60	1

## DIVISION 2.

Bedminster Wesleyans ... ..	14	11	1	2	51	12	24
Derhams ... ..	11	8	2	1	50	11	17
University ... ..	13	6	3	4	36	18	16
Avonleigh II. ... ..	12	6	3	3	30	17	15
Dings ... ..	15	7	7	1	35	30	15
*Midland Railway ... ..	11	5	3	3	33	17	11
Luckwell ... ..	13	5	7	1	15	25	11
Ashton Athletic ... ..	11	4	5	2	14	13	10
Park Villa ... ..	10	2	7	1	11	36	5
Rechabites ... ..	13	1	11	1	11	72	5
Newtown Athletic ... ..	12	1	10	1	10	50	3

## DIVISION 3.

Victoria Athletic ... ..	16	13	2	1	67	17	27
Victoria United ... ..	14	13	1	0	67	8	26
Shirehampton ... ..	11	11	0	0	45	6	22
Easton Road U.M. ... ..	13	8	3	2	34	24	18
St. Silas ... ..	13	6	3	4	41	19	16
Luckwell O.B. ... ..	12	5	7	0	29	31	10
Baptist Mills ... ..	15	4	11	0	25	49	8
East Bristol Y.M.C.A. ... ..	10	2	6	2	20	32	6
Avonmouth ... ..	12	1	8	3	12	46	5
Langtonians ... ..	10	1	7	2	17	38	4
Mount Tabor ... ..	13	1	10	2	9	44	4
Stapleton Juniors ... ..	6	0	6	0	5	51	0

\* Two points deducted for playing an ineligible player.

Park Villa have taken the place of Bedminster Dominicans.

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## Recollections.

OF course, the old players claim that referees of the present day, are infinitely inferior to those of fifteen or twenty years ago, while many officials argue in agreement that there are no really good referees coming along. But it is useless to infer from this, that refereeing was brilliant in these "good old days," as a few actual occurrences will show. The writer always remembers his first experience of League football. His team was due to play a match at a neighbouring village, and the enthusiastic home supporters indulged in any amount of "referee baiting." Two minutes to time, with the crowd particularly noisy, we were leading 2-1, when the referee gave an unnecessary penalty against us. The player taking the kick placed the ball just *outside* the post, but to our consternation the referee gave a goal. Our players protested, but the referee insisted that the ball went through *between* the goal-net and the post, and from there, outside. Although this was shown to be an impossibility, the referee remained adamant, and so we lost our first point. In the train after the match, the referee openly admitted that he was *afraid of the crowd*.

Later in the season, playing in a "football mad" suburb, we were surprised to find that the referee present was the home club's league representative. He informed us that being holiday time, he preferred remaining home, and so had exchanged with the appointed referee. We had been winning matches consistently, but we did not win this match needless to say. As long as our opponents could get the ball in the net, and by whatever means, the goal counted. Five such goals were allowed, three when our goalkeeper was lying on the ground with an opponent on top preventing his rising—I dared to speak to the referee after the match, not about his decisions, but as to why in commonfairness, he officiated, and for years after our team suffered whenever he refereed our matches. Writing of this man, reminds me, that earlier in that season, we scored seven goals against a team, one player W— netting five of them. Each goal was a gift, as the result of the other players' work. We thought so little of our man that he only played when we were short. A few weeks after a League team was selected against a professional side, and B— of our team, a left-footed player was selected as inside *right*. He was a good player, and we thought worthy of selection, but at the match just mentioned, the referee saw W—, and asked if he was all

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right for the representative match next day. Of course, W—— said it was B—— picked, but the referee said "But you are B—— aren't you, I got you selected." W—— was not selected by us for our team, even in his proper position at *outside* right, but our friend the referee recognised his talent so much that he got him selected as *inside* right, under the *wrong name*. Is it any wonder that some clubs in those days kicked against referees as club representatives?

The following season, playing a village team on their own ground, we had the homesters hopelessly beaten, hardly shifting out there own half. Leading comfortably by four to nil, our back, standing all alone, punched down intentionally a ball going well away from an opponent's huge kick. The referee pointed for a penalty, and our back had to walk *back* yards to get into the penalty area. The referee intimated that he gave it to *encourage* our opponents, so it was rather a pity that our goalie saved the shot. In contrast, recently we heard of a referee, who awarded a free for handling, but who on being shown that he had placed the ball in the penalty area, where the offence occurred, coolly put the ball *outside* that area.

(To be continued).

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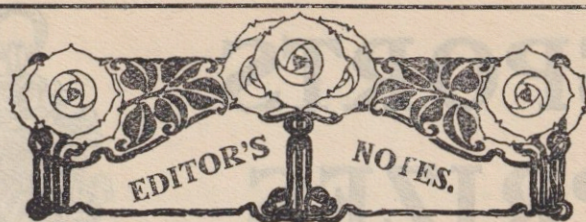
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## Things in General.

By VARIOUS CONTRIBUTORS.

IN Bristol the chief topic of football enthusiasts has been the ordering-off of Panes in the Rovers v. Luton match. Our local press has published the views of various correspondents, more or less prejudiced, and for comparison the report of a Bedfordshire newspaper has also been reprinted. We wish to offer no criticism or opinion of the actual occurrence, as it receives its proper consideration in official quarters, but we take the opportunity of pointing out one view, that other critics fail to emphasize. Whether rightly or wrongly the referee was under the impression that Panes had committed an offence worthy of the severest punishment. He evidently did not *see* Higginbottom offend enough to warrant the same punishment. All a referee has to do is to act on what he *sees*. It certainly often happens that only the player who retaliates gets caught, but the fact remains that even so, he has no right to retaliate. It may be human nature, but correspondents must not in their partisan spirit, ignore the fact that, whatever the reason, a player *must* receive punishment for breaking the laws of the game, even if he is not the aggressor. And except for satisfaction sake, what good would it have done Panes, if Higginbottom had accompanied him off the field?

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One London newspaper has lately been selecting teams for England and the South at soccer. From these selections one would imagine that its circulation was confined to the metropolis, and that the Spurs were the only team in England. This paper modestly suggests the inclusion in one or other of the teams only Clay, Smith, Walters, Grimsdell, Walden, Seed, Bliss and Dimmock. Why omit the other three? In all seriousness too, Grimsdell was advocated as *Centre Forward!!* Unfortunately, the selectors also, imagine London constitutes the South, and the West of England is ignored, so Joe Walter, etc., share the same fate as many others have in the past.

Our main point in mentioning the above is the question of selection of any representative teams. In the same way as the F.A. imagine all good players must be in the 1st Division, not realising that there is nothing to prevent a 3rd Division Club from having the finest team in England, so our County Associations and Local Leagues consider all

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crack players are in the senior clubs. In amateur football, especially, there are many star players outside the recognised senior clubs, who remain loyal to their own friends, surely they are also entitled to recognition.

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The question of a few pence extra as expenses claimed by referees may not seem a serious matter in itself, but amongst several small junior clubs, struggling to make both ends meet, there has been much grumbling about the consistency with which some referees demand 6d. (or more) tram fares for a five minutes or so walk. On the other hand there are referees who do not bother about trivial expenses, which doubtless, evens matters up, but these little surcharges irritate and cause bad feelings that could easily be avoided. *Verb sap.*

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The recent influenza epidemic, undoubtedly played serious havoc with fixtures, on account of numerous cancellations. While sympathising with the sufferers, several clubs have questioned whether the 'flu was not used a bit too often, in some cases, to be always genuine. The fact that a club telegraphed, "Impossible to raise team, seven down with 'flu'" may be accepted by their opponents, but whether a League should also accept without sufficient confirmation is a matter which should be considered for future occasions. We have not noticed any professional, or first class matches postponed through the 'flu, so surely this complaint was not more prevalent in local circles than elsewhere.

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With the sixth month of the season nearly finished most club secretaries are faced with a surplus amount of outstanding fixtures to the Saturdays available. Several clubs are content to drift along, and consequently will find several mid-week matches necessary later in the season. May we appeal to all clubs to face matters at once. By getting in touch with opponents early, it is often found that slight rearrangements of other matches, makes the completion of fixtures easy.

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We notice that the Suburban League propose discontinuing their usual Tournament this season, and we certainly agree with the decision. Last year, without any support from the chair, the club representatives approved of a Tournament. The League officials put in their usual amount of hard labour to ensure success, but received very little warm support from the clubs themselves. Perhaps its abandonment for a season or two may have good effects in the long run.

Meanwhile our youngest League—the Kingswood and District—are pushing forward their Tournament, and as "a new broom sweeps clean," doubtless, the ever energetic Mr. Summers will achieve success. He deserves it.

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The Bristol Central Cricket League has soon got to business for the coming season, and everything will be ready and in apple-pie order, as usual, long before the commencement of May.

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## Recollections

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We were doing exceptionally well in our League matches, until we had as referee in a vital match, a notorious supporter of our most dangerous rivals. Our centre half put through a terrific drive, which no goalkeeper could have stopped. The ball was returned by the crowd behind goal to the goalie, who kicked it to the centre of the field, where all his team were moving *knowing* a goal had been scored. The referee gave a goal kick saying the ball went *over* the bar, and even our opponents could not get him to reverse his decision. The immediate purchase of goal nets was our decision after this catastrophe.

During one game an opponent got injured, and left the field, leaning up against the goalpost. Our centre forward got well away with the ball, and just as he reached shooting distance, apparently unmolested, the injured player rushed on and charged our man over. The referee took no action.

Playing against a particularly rough team we were drawing 2—2 just on time, when just as our goalie shaped to stop a shot the opposing centre brutally charged him, laying him out. The referee awarded the homesters a penalty against our goalie. A fourteen stone man charging a sixteen year old seven stone boy *without* the ball, was poor enough sport, it must be admitted, but to reward it with a winning goal was stretching favouritism too far altogether. Crowd or no crowd, such a decision was unforgivable.

Arriving late on a suburban ground, our team got changed, and had to *hang about another half-hour* while the pitch was marked out, yet the referee reported us for being late and not our opponents. Another time, our side was all on the field awaiting the homesters, and I was talking to the referee, who later reported *us* as the offenders. We were also astonished by another referee's ruling. Unexpectedly our opponents' changing room, was over a mile from their ground. The first six changed ran off, and some five minutes after the rest, who on reaching the ground found the match started, and our side two goals down. The referee frightened the six into starting under threats of what would happen!!!

But we did not always experience misfortunes, we had our favourite referees, as this instance will show. We were playing away, and our break was slow but sure, consequently we arrived terribly late. The appointed referee worked with some of our players. The ground was on a terrible slope, but we won the toss, and kicking down hill led 2—0 at half-time. Our opponents soon scored a goal, but after 16 minutes play in the second half the referee stopped the game owing to bad light. A match played over 60 minutes "stood as reported," so instead of the referee, in view of the late start, playing 35 minutes each way, he kindly let us kick 45 minutes down hill, and the homesters 16 minutes only.



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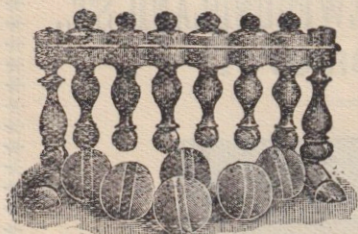
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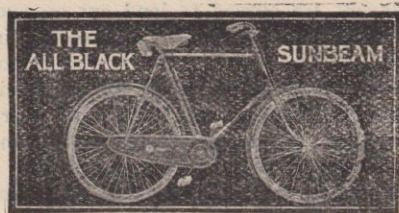
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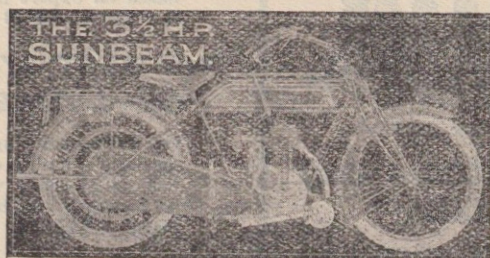
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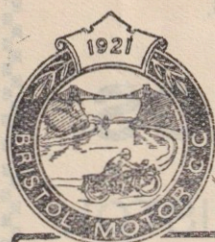


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## Motor Cycling

### THE BRISTOL M.C. AND L.C. CLUB.

SINCE the cessation of outdoor trials, in November last, this club has carried through several items of the winter social programme. The first of a series of Whist Drives, concluding with supper and dancing, was well supported at Stuckey's Restaurant, at the end of November last. The Annual Dinner was a huge success at headquarters in December; over 100 members and guests, including many notable men in the motor-cycle and car world, were present. After dinner the presentation of the prizes, cups, medals, etc., won during the past season, took place.

At the general meeting on January 10th, an important change in the club's name was made; in order to recognize the growing numbers of light car members, the official designation of the club was altered to "The Bristol Motor Cycle and Light Car Club." Another innovation in club affairs was the issuing of season entry fee tickets, to cover all trials (except three) for the coming season. An approximate fee of 35s. was suggested to be definitely decided in committee.

On January 21st, the second of the Whist Drives was held at the Café Baldwin; attendance was not so good as anticipated, on account of the unusually cold weather, nevertheless a lively if somewhat crowded evening resulted. Two more drives are due on February 21st and March 21st. Special valuable prizes are offered for the best aggregate scores at the series.



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- Jan. 24—Whist Drive.  
 Feb. 4—Visit to the Bath Club.  
 „ 18—Return visit of the Bath Club.  
 „ 21—Whist Drive.  
 Mar. 18—Club Speed Trials.  
 „ 21—Whist Drive.  
 „ 25—Mystery Trial.  
 April 1—Support Western Centre Open Event.  
 „ 15—(Easter)—Watch London M.C.C. at Porlock.  
 May 20—King Cup Trial ( $\frac{1}{2}$  day).  
 June 3 & 5—Whitsun week-end holiday trial to Bournemouth.  
 „ 10—Speed Trials W.S.M. (open to Western Centre).  
 „ 18—Run to Cheddar.  
 July 1—Gymkhana at the Clifton Zoo Gardens.  
 „ 8—Inter Club Trial with Bath.  
 „ 16—Day on the river at Saltford.  
 „ 29—Porlock Trial ( $\frac{1}{2}$  day).  
 Aug. 13—Picnic to Brean Down.  
 „ 26—12 Hour Trial, Hutchinson Cup.  
 Sept. 8 & 9—24 Hour Trial.  
 „ 23—Formula Hill Climb.  
 Oct. 7—Variety Trial ( $\frac{1}{2}$  day).

Of the above trials, the event on August 26th, the 12 hour trial, is in the hands of Messrs. Fery and Collinson, of the Bath club; they are instructed to make this trial as "hot" as possible and there is no doubt they will do so; it will be "some" trial and every finisher will be a proud man.

The Whitsun Holiday trial and social run, which, last year, at Newquay, proved one of the best events of the year, this season, will be run to Bournemouth by a devious route.

The arrangements for all social events have been undertaken in a very sporting manner, for it is not an enviable job, by the brothers, Messrs. G. A. and C. V. O. Scampton, of Regent Street, Clifton.

## MEMBERSHIP.

Although the members roll exceeds 175, not all these are in evidence at trials or social events, in fact many who should participate, seem to find more interest in watching events.

Any number of riders, novice or expert, will be welcomed as new members, the entrance fee is 5s., and the annual subscription is 15s. Full information regarding membership can be obtained from the present members, any of the committee or the Secretary, Mr. Rex Foweraker, 23 Claremont Road, Bishopston. The club headquarters are at the Full Moon Hotel, North Street, Stokes Croft, where most of the committee and officials assemble for the weekly meeting, at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings; and they will be pleased to welcome any prospective member.

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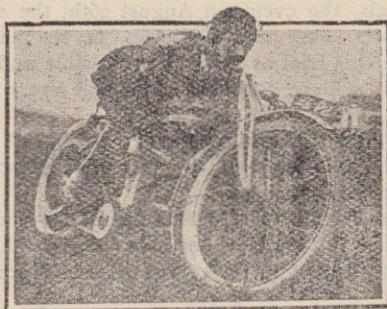


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Below we print the Report of the Association, submitted to the membership at the Annual Meeting, held on Wednesday, February 8th, 1922.

**REPORT.**

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting the Report of the Association for that portion of the year 1921, subsequent to the Special General Meeting, held on March 9th, as a result of the energetic efforts of our Chief Consul, Mr. A. H. Carpenter, to whom, to no little extent, our present position as a live Association is due. This Meeting resulted in the complete reorganisation and reofficering of the D.A., the most Honorable the Marquess of Worcester, being gracious enough to accept the office of President.

Since that date, your Committee has embarked upon an active and consistent policy of providing runs each Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, in addition to week-end and special tours.

Latterly, also, Wednesday evening runs have become a regular fixture.

That these fixtures have been appreciated, there can be no doubt—there having been a large increase in the membership of the Club within the area of the Association, directly due to the fact that what amounts to a really active cycling club, coupled with the wider advantages accruing to membership in the C.T.C. at large, has appealed to keen cyclists.

The average runs attendance throughout the period under review (and including winter riding) is ten; which, although not so high as should be possible, is a real increase on that of several years past, the Association having been allowed to become practically non-existent until its resuscitation last March.

A great feature has been the Inter-D.A. meets and week-end runs; these evinced great interest, and were particularly well attended.

Warminster, Meriden (in order to witness the unveiling of the Cyclists' War Memorial), Oxford, Cirencester, Ross, Worcester and Cardiff were visited in this way during the year.

The innovation, in the shape of the 24-hour ride, which took place on July 16th and 17th, also proved a success, both from the sporting and financial points of view, and was, your Committee believe, unique amongst

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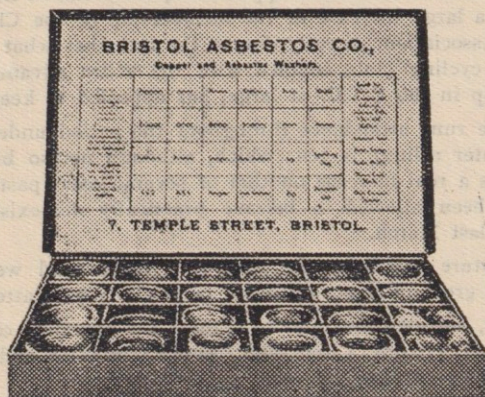
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the several similar fixtures promoted by the various Associations of the Club, in that all the riders taking part qualified for a certificate. It is hoped to make this an annual event.

We are indebted to the Bristol press for their cordial help in giving publicity to our fixtures and arrangements.

The Committee was successful in obtaining a special concession from Messrs. P. and A. Campbell, Ltd., for the conveyance of members' cycles by their passenger steamers, this company allowing a reduction of 25 per cent on production of membership certificates.

Committee Meetings have been held every month, and have been well attended.

In this direction our gratitude should be expressed to Mr. H. H. Senington, the Treasurer of the D.A., who so kindly granted the Committee the use of a room at his house.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

B. EDWARD KING.

### THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The following report of the Annual Meeting is culled from *The Western Daily Press* of February 9th.

The Annual Meeting of the Bristol and Gloucestershire District Association of the Cyclists' Touring Club was held at Stuckey's Restaurant last night, when Mr. H. H. Senington presided in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of the Chief Consul and chairman of the Association, Mr. A. H. Carpenter.

The Chairman said he had been asked to preside, and did so because he was always ready and willing to make any effort on behalf of the Club. He read a letter from Mr. Carpenter expressing regret that he was unable to attend, and wishing greater success in the ensuing year. He testified to the valuable work of the Hon. Secretary, and thanked them for their confidence in electing him Chief Consul. Continuing, the Chairman said they all regretted Mr. Carpenter's absence and the cause of it. He thought it was the feeling of the meeting that a letter be sent to that effect. This was agreed to.

The report and accounts were adopted.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were unanimously re-elected:—President, the Marquess of Worcester; Vice-President, Lieut.-Col. G. A. Gibbs, M.P.; consulting solicitor, Mr. T. Fletcher; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. H. Senington; auditor, Mr. G. E. Bullock; Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. E. King, 2 Oxford Street, Ashley Road.

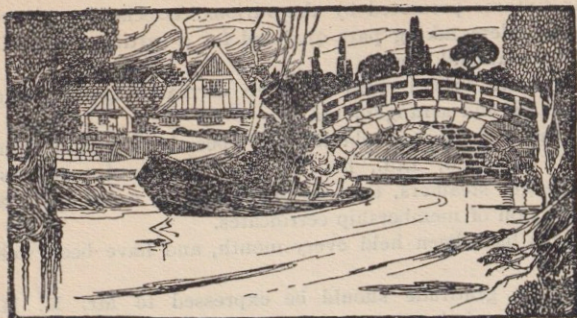
A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr. T. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. H. Morris, and carried unanimously.

The business having been concluded, supper was served, and an enjoyable smoking concert followed.

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## Cycling

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**F**OLLOWING up my remarks in last month's *Sportsman*, the once locally popular long distance road competitions, I publish hereunder the mileage arrangement adopted by one Bristol Club for its "twelve hours." The Club referred to now possesses no members youthful or enthusiastic enough to attempt these rides, I am sorry to add, although the competitions are still open to them. Possibly some newer clubs exist in Bristol, whose ranks contain more youthful riders, who after perusal of this page will see to it that some such competition is provided in their programmes for the present year. This hope, and the wish that the sporting side of Cycling shall not die out entirely, locally is the reason indeed for my scribble of this month.

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For the unpaced competition the rider had to ride entirely alone over the whole distance, anyone attendant on him, for the purpose of arranging for feeding, etc., or providing a spare bicycle in case of a breakdown, having to keep 100 yards at least behind him, when riding.

In the "accompanied" ride, not more than three members were permitted to ride together, and anyone of these on dropping out of the competition was not allowed to rejoin at any point for the purpose of helping the other competitors.

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These competitions were not held upon any particular date. Members might select any date during the season for their attempts, the only notice required being an intimation to the Club Hon. Secretary, three days or more previously.

Two hundred miles in "12 hours," the distance requisite to the winning of a gold medal in the paced competition, looks a trifle formidable, it must be admitted, and it was only latterly that it had been put up so high in the Club referred to. Still, as a comparison, it may be stated that one man who won in the "unpaced" with 165½ miles, one year, accomplished 209½ in the "paced" in the following year. The best performance in the unpaced competitions of this Club was 187 miles.

I believe these two distances, 209½ paced, and 187 unpaced, still stand as record for local riders. Here then is a chance for the youthful road-sloggers of to-day to attempt and break them.

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THE monthly meeting of the Bristol Cage Bird Association was held on February 1st, at the residence of Mr. George Hiscox, and the Association are greatly indebted to him for the inconvenience he went to for their comfort. The pity of it was the attendance did not come up to expectations, and many were absent owing to the Influenza epidemic, and we wish them a speedy recovery. There were many items of interest on the agenda, and a Washing Exhibition was given by Mr. Hiscox and Mr. Greenslade, and Mr. E. A. Lovell provided the birds. We thank them both for their kindness and generosity as we all know how well their birds have been staged at recent Shows, and they are always out to give others a helping hand. Another important item fixed up was a Social evening for the prize distribution, to be held at Stuckey's Restaurant on Friday, February 24th, and the Committee extend a cordial welcome to all Fanciers and anyone interested in the fancy, whether it be Poultry, Pigeons, and the like. The charge has been fixed at the very moderate fee of 1s. 3d. per head, including supper. A few musical items will be added to the evening's programme, and nothing will be spared to make the wind-up of the season a fitting one. Bristol may well be proud of the success of the past season, it ranks among the best-supported Shows in the country, and we have had the pleasure of seeing and competing against the best birds, and have proved equal to them in many classes. Of the three Shows each showed a balance on the right side, so that the guarantee offered by Fanciers in case of failure is happily not required.

The *Daily Telegraph* of December 9th had an interesting article by Mr. A. Croxton Smith, under heading of "Dogs for Sport and Pleasure." His remarks on the importance of building up a strain of winners are so applicable to bird-breeding that I quote them for your benefit :

"A considerable amount of skill and knowledge are required to produce a strain up to a certain standard. Without these qualities the experiment is almost bound to end in failure. Now and again excellent specimens are bred by chance, but they are in the nature of sports, having come without method or reasoning, and it is seldom that they are capable of perpetuating their good features. Consistent effort is required if one is to meet with success; it is no use trusting to fate. Even the older school, who depend upon empirical methods rather than book knowledge, stumble upon scientific truths without being aware of the fact. While clever men were theorising about hereditary, they had discovered by rule of thumb that blood tells, that the cumulative forces of a strain bred for generations to exhibit certain points were the only ones in which to place their trust. Now we discuss Galton and Mendel, seeking to ascertain how far they can be helpful to us. Galton's laws seem convincing on the face of it, but modern students of genetics, taking the Mendelism, issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, explains in plain English the present-day standpoint. We know now, as a fact, independent of any theory, that the parent does not necessarily transmit all



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or any portion of his qualities to his offspring, and that, in many cases 'reversion may be entirely ruled out . . . . .'. Again let me quote: 'If this view is correct, and it has proved correct in many instances, the practical deduction is that the full value of an individual (whether plant or animal) as a parent cannot be predicted with certainty until its capacity to transmit its qualities has been established by the appearance of these qualities in the offspring.' These views might be regarded as destructive of my faith in pedigree, and it is therefore consoling to find the writer admitting that the Mendelian hypothesis are not necessarily derogatory to pedigree breeding. 'After all, pedigree is the best evidence that the good qualities sought for are likely to be found in the offspring.' Exactly. Were this concession not made, experienced breeders would be suspicious of the whole theory. As it is, they are aware that some individuals of a good strain are entirely worthless, as regards their influence upon the next generation, while others seem incapable of going wrong. This is one of the reasons that make breeding fascinating. For the present, at any rate, whatever future discoveries of the students of genetics may have in store for us, it is the skill of the individual breeder that counts. While watching developments carefully, and being prepared to adopt any theory that seems capable of practical adaptation, he will go on trusting to his own judgment to give him the results for which he is seeking."

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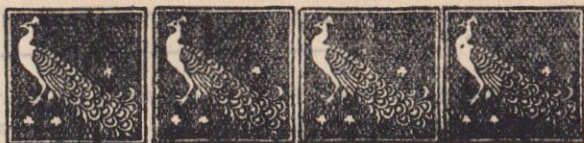
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*Dr. From Strange?*

*Dor. Yes! It is dated from Paris. He says he will be in London to-morrow.*

*Dr. To-morrow! The inevitable is rushing to a climax. I wish I had the prophetic gift to see the consequent result of that climax. What are you going to say to him when you meet?*

*Hands her to a chair R.C. and sits down L.C.*

*Dor. I am so excited—nervous—distracted—that I hav'n't the slightest idea how I should act, and I have come to you as usual for advice. My faith in you assures me you will find some way out of the difficulty. You remember eighteen months ago how ill I was, and you questioned me bit by bit and drew from me the story of my life before I knew it—how when I was but nineteen years of age Jim Strange had won my heart. My father loved him as his own son, and when the dear old man lay dying he asked Jim to take care of me and I promised—with one hand in Jim's and the other in my father's—that I would be Jim's wife. Father blessed us both—fell back upon his pillow and breathed his last with my hand still clasped in his icy fingers.*

*(rises in agitation).*

*Doctor takes her hand, etc.*

*Dr. Don't excite yourself.*

*Dor. In a short time Jim went to America, and I was left alone with mother. During the first year I received a letter from him every week as regularly as clock work—confiding tender letters. Then the letters arrived less frequently—because more formal, with ever increasing excuses—pressure of business—railway journeys—Jim is a mining engineer you know—expeditions to out-landish places, miles away from a Post Office and—*

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*Dor.* I know it too well, for when Jim's letters ceased altogether I felt so wretched and miserable, I wished to die. For eighteen months I longed and looked in vain for one word from him. Oh! the torture of those weary months of brain-racking uncertainty—no sleep—no rest—no peace for mind or body—nothing but a dull aching irritable pain gnawing at my heart, day after day, and the nights were horrible—horrible—I felt I was going mad. And still the hope born of despair buoyed me up—thinking I would hear from Jim to-morrow. Oh! to-morrow and to-morrow, each buried in its grave of yesterday brought me no news—no sign—no comfort, and I felt I would rather die than confide in anyone and tell them how, and why, I suffered. At last something which I cannot explain happened to me, and I remembered nothing for a long time, till one morning I woke up in bed and the first thing that attracted my wondering gaze was your smiling eyes looking kindly into mine. I heard my mother's voice, but could not comprehend what she was talking about. I could think of nothing—nothing, but your eyes—your eyes—even now I feel calmer and more secure just because you are looking at me. The rest of my story you know better than I. It was the light of your eyes and your love that saved me from the darkness of the grave.

*Dr.* Come, Come Dorothy that's not flattering. You think my professional skill had nothing to do with your recovery, eh?

*Dor.* I would not go so far as that, but Val, there is no time for jesting. Do please tell me what I am to say when Strange calls to-morrow.

*Dr.* I wish he had waited another month before coming back, and then we should have been married, and he would have thought no more about you. However, I think we shall be able to convince him that he

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has forfeited all claim to you on account of his own carelessness, or calousness—or something worse.

*Dor.* I understand—It was that which made me ill—the thought of having been jilted one moment, and the next, that he may have died without being able to send me a line.

*Dr.* It's all very well for Strange to tell you in the first letter you received, after three years silence, that he was locked up in Klondyke—down with fever—cut off from the world—he could have found some way of communicating during all these years. Where there's a will there's a way.

*Dor.* I said so in my reply. I also told him I was now engaged to another. I didn't tell him it was you, Val, but if you hadn't put it in my head that Strange had married, I don't think I would have accepted you, even if you did save my life.

*Dr.* When I first hinted to you the probability that Strange had married another woman in America, I was not thinking of myself at all, but presented this opinion as an antidote against the self administered poison in your mind, inspired by a pious obligation which you were unwittingly led into, at a critical and conflicting moment—when the emotions were surcharged, and the mind and will were ductile and plastic—ready to be impressed by the nearest image of consolation. Jim Strange happened to be that image—but time and stress and tears have wiped the impression clean away—washed it out—and Strange has only himself to thank for this. What sort of fellow was he?

*Dor.* I cannot remember much about him, except that he was a very passionate lover.

*Dr.* Passionate! Hum! Passionate is very often only another name for bad tempered, and though seven years among the mining desperados of America may be the best tonic in the world to steady one's nerves, it corrupts good manners, and plays the devil with the passions.

*Dor.* Oh, I cannot tell you how I dread it all, and wish we were well out of it.

*Dr.* Well, Dorothy dear—Fate has enmeshed us in her web of destiny and we can only trust to providence for deliverance. You have become a vital necessity to me, and I would rather die than give you up. Life without you would be an utter blank—a dismal void—And you my dearest angel—*(He kisses her).*

I know your tender clinging nature—for you to be mated to this man after what has happened would be a living death.

*Dor.* I couldn't bear it, but I know from the tone of his letter he will plead his cause with all the eloquence of despair, reminding me of the old days and my father's wish.

*Dr.* When you plighted your troth to him by the bed-side of your dying father, you were too young and inexperienced to understand the promptings of your own heart—the voice of nature, or the dictates of the soul, and it would be unreasonable to expect you should still be bound by a contract made seven years ago, under such peculiar circumstances.



*Dor.* My Dear Val, reason and love seldom go together. I feel ever so much fitter for our interview, so I'll say good morning.

*Dr.* Good morning, my sweet—(kisses her). When in doubt—do nothing—but come to me.

*Exit DOROTHY.*

*Dr.* (Goes to 'phone and rings: then shouts 6727B please. Listens)—Are you there? Yes—I am Dr. Valentine Hunter—Can you arrange a consultation with me on Friday afternoon at 3, here—or could I come round to you—Yes—Yes—good—thank you, that will do very well—Good-bye.

(During this conversation a man has entered unobserved).

*Man.* Good morning, Doctor.

*Dr.* (Turning round) Oh! I beg your pardon, Good morning. Sit down please.

(Motions him to chair R.C.).

What can I do for you?

*Man.* I'm a bit seedy—run down—been abroad—fever and that sort of thing—Nerves like a bundle of rattle-snakes all tied by their tails. Dem nuisance when a fellow is going to be married. Can you give me a good strong tonic to brace me up? I have faced death in the mining camps of America many a time, but to face the clergyman with the girl I haven't seen for seven years—I fancy it would knock me into the middle of nowhere and dump me down on the edge of the Universe, and I have a horror of falling over and going to pieces.

*Dr.* Have you been taking anything for this disorder?

*Man.* In America you mean? Oh! yes—brandy and quinine till I'm sick of it. That muck is alright so long as it lasts, but the remedy is worse than the disease. The re-action is simply terrible—It's hell! overwhelming concentrated shivering hell.

*Dr.* Brandy is a dangerous drug—an insidious devil that feeds upon itself. I was under the impression that nerves and civilisation went together, and a free roving life away from the madding crowd was the very best stimulant to keep a fellow sound and robust.

*Man.* True—but there are exceptions—a farmer for instance, through force of habit, becomes a purely physical animal, and meets misfortune or prosperity with the unperturbed philosophy of a stoic. A speculative mining engineer, like myself, develops the torturing temperament of a gambler. The fierce race of wealth sears the soul and shatters the machine. I made my pile, but at what a price—at what a price.

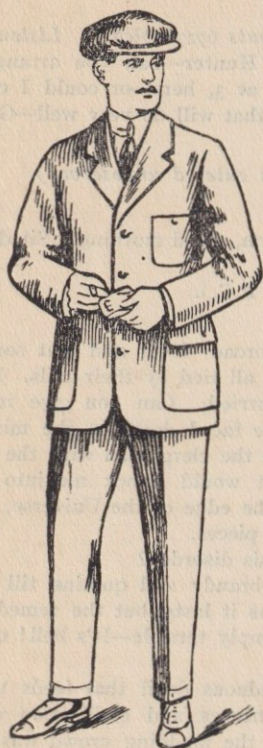
*Dr.* (Goes to table and begins to write). Here is a prescription, take it across the way to the Kensington Drug Store, and you will get a bottle with instructions. Be careful you do not take an overdose, for there is one thirty-two part of a grain of strychnine in it. Of course, its quite safe, but an overdose will make you ill.

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*Man. Morning—*

*Exit MAN.*

*Dr. Good heavens! Jim Strange, by all that's wonderful. (Goes to 'phone, rings—Shouts 6248B—yes—6248B thank you—that you Dorothy—yes—Can you come over at once, Yes—Yes—Something very important. No, No, far too complex to deal with over the 'phone. Yes—Good, I shall expect you in five minutes).*

*(Walks up and down).*

Jim Strange! what a boulder he must have been, poor fellow, I feel sorry for him under the circumstances (*stops*). By what accident did he drop in on me—Ah!—of course, Dorothy, he lives in Gloucester Terrace, and he would pass my door on his way to the Hotel at the end of the street.

*Enter DOROTHY.*

*(He rushes to meet her).*

My Dear one, what do you think has happened? Strange has been here.

*Dor. Here?*

*Dr. Yes!—he must have come on a day earlier than we expected him.*

*Dor. (Excited).* Confusion worse confounded, what's to be done? What did he say? How did he find you out? He has been spying on us—Save me, save me, for I fear him—I do indeed. My mother has just been telling me, that as a boy, he was clever, daring and determined, but erratic and impossible, and I was the only one who had any influence over him.

*Dr. Calm yourself. We must be wary. You must act judiciously when he calls to-morrow. Humour him—be friendly, but distance—plead for time and leave the rest for me.*

*Dor. But if he should insist in his brusque peremptory manner that we should be married at once, what am I to do? I should die at the very thought of having to give you up.*

*(Man enters unobserved as she begins this speech, Val takes her in his arms and embraces her. Man stands on door left).*

*Dr. Do not fear my Darling, I shall never give you up. I will reason with Strange—tell him what you have suffered—explain how I came into your life when you were at death's door, and (*kisses her*).*

*(As Dorothy looked up she observes Strange standing at the Door L. She utters a suppressed "Oh!" and drops into a chair supported by the Doctor. Dorothy, with hands over face peers wild eyed at Strange).*



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*Dr. (Standing over her at the back of the chair says quite calmly). Well, Strange—this is a strange coincident.*

*Strange. I beg your pardon, Doctor, I had no idea you were engaged, or I wouldn't have intruded. Pray accept my apologies.*

*Dr. Don't apologise, don't apologise. It's, perhaps, just as well the unexpected has occurred. It may save a few necessary, but unpleasant explanations (to Dorothy) Dorothy, aren't you going to speak to Mr. Strange?*

*(Dorothy rouses herself and goes nervously to Strange, holds out her hand and says):—*

*Dor. How do you do? I'm pleased to see you, and—and I hope you will forgive Val—I mean Dr. Hunter and myself. We really thought you were—*

*Strange. Dead, I suppose, eh?*

*Dr. I think if Miss Noble were to retire upstairs we could discuss this matter with more freedom—(To Dor.) Will you come this way? You will find my sister in the Drawing Room.*

*Dr. (Hands her out door R. Comes back—Stands C. looks at Strange, who has moved again towards door L. after shaking hands with Dorothy).*

*Dr. Well!*

*Strange. Well!*

*Dr. I regret our acquaintance should have begun so dramatically uncompromising.*

*Strange. So do I, and I hope we may be able to settle this little game amicably. You may play the King of Hearts, but I hold the ace.*

*Dr. That remains to be seen and will depend entirely on how Miss Noble plays the Queen.*

*Strange. Ah! I forgot it was a three cornered game.*

*Dr. Then take my advice and admit that you are cornered—trumped—or as you would say in America—Euchred.*

*Strange. I am going to take your medicine, but not your advice on this occasion. Miss Noble was the last person in the world I expected to find here, and the—(Waves his hand descriptively)—tableau! which I inadvertently beheld was more eloquent in explanation than a chapter of romance? but the prosy reason of my unopportune visit was to enquire whether I could have a little brandy with my medicine. I have had several goes of cognac to-day, already, and I wish to know how brandy and strychnine would chum together.*

*Dr. They are both stimulants, and agree in quite a friendly manner—you would find a couple of glasses of brandy a day very beneficial—a larger quantity would only defeat its medicinal effects.*

*Strange. (sarcastically) A couple of glasses! Why, in America, I used to drink a couple of bottles, sometimes, in twenty-four hours.*

*Dr. Heavens! no wonder your nerves are unstrung. If you wish to get well, you had better not repeat such a suicidal act of folly. In small quantities, brandy is a restorative—an overdose is rank poison. Make two or three glasses per day your limit.*

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*Strange.* All right. I thank you for that advice, now let us get to business. I came back to the old country for the express purpose of settling down, and to marry Dorothy Noble.

*Dr. Well,* I have no objection if the lady is agreeable—but you must admit that seven years absence, and three years silence, puts a different complexion on the face of your pretensions, which otherwise might—

*Strange.* Pretensions! I am no pretender, but the original suitor, who by all the laws of God and man should have a prior claim to the hand of this lady. If you had not stepped in, in my absence, I would have been as welcome to her as the flowers in May. From what I have seen, I can guess that your influence over her must be abnormal, and as an honourable man, you are bound to feel that it is your duty to her, to yourself, and to me to release her from an engagement contracted while she was ignorant of the difficulties which beset me in America, and prevented my communicating with her for three years; and I repeat, I perceive your influence over her is so great, you have but to say the word, and she obeys. You have lured her affections (*Sarcastic wave of R.H. toward Dr. Val*), probably by the charm of your magnetic personality—from the first centre of attraction to which she responded. In a word, you stole her in my absence, and I now insist that you will lead her back to me—if you refuse, there is bound to be trouble.

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A very representative body of members of the Club were present.

Mr. F. A. Griffiths, Vice-President presided.

The Treasurer's accounts, shewing a small balance in favour of the Club, were received and adopted.

The Secretary, A. T. Curtler read a report, shewing that the 1921 season, commenced with a paying membership of 70 and closed with 68 members.

Twenty-three matches were arranged, 12 of which were won, 8 at home, and 4 away, 10 lost, 6 at home, 4 away; 1640 points were scored by the Club, 1524 against, 1 match was not played owing to weather conditions, this was the match against Robinson's, unfortunately, the weather in 1920 prevent Canford even getting to their opponents ground, in 1921 4 ends only were played.

From a weather point of view, it would be impossible to imagine anything better, Saturday 7th May was wet, the match arranged for that date was played on 1st October under perfect weather conditions, rain prevented play on 3 evenings only during the season.

The Cup and Championship was won by A. G. Pepworth, second, H. T. Roberts; third, F. R. Bailey; fourth, R. Irving. The Handicap Competition was won by E. F. Higgins, second, F. R. Bailey; third, T. R. Lambert; fourth, H. T. Roberts.

Thursday Competition equal prizes: A. T. Curtler 55, E. F. Higgins 52, H. T. Roberts 39, J. Scott 32, J. Tristem 20, S. Rosser 18. President's Prize, solatium in lieu of J. Scott.

An appeal was made for St. Dunstan's Home, and resulted in an amount of £4 4s. being forwarded to that institution.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent on 24th September, the Captain and Vice-Captain picked up sides, 3 rinks 8 players each, the Captain's side won by 12 points.

Mr. E. J. Nation, who had held the position of President from the formation of the Club, having written, stating his health would not permit him to longer hold office. The Secretary was requested to write and convey the sincere regret of the meeting at the severance of so long and happy a connection, and more particularly because of the reason causing the severance.

Sir Sidney Humphries was unanimously elected President.

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Messrs. Wyatt, Taylor, Griffiths, Wills and Steward were re-elected Vice-Presidents, and the name F. Merrick was also added.

F. S. Gardner was re-elected Captain and J. Scott, Vice-Captain.

A. T. Curtler was re-elected Hon. Treasurer and Secretary, and A. C. Hoare, Hon. Auditor.

Messrs. Ambrose, Dando, T. Jones, Pepworth, Roberts and Tristem, were elected to serve on the Committee, and Messrs. W. Leigh, J. W. Robinson and S. Rosser, with the Captain and Vice-Captain were elected to serve on the Match Selection Committee.

Other matters of interest only to the Club were discussed and arranged.

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## Things we'd like to know.

**W**HY a sporting function, which occurred on February 3rd wasn't reported in a certain newspaper?

\* \* \* \* \*

If it's true that steps are being taken to open a ground next season, which has been closed "sine die?" by the G.F.A.

\* \* \* \* \*

And what councillors are guiding the movement?

\* \* \* \* \*

Whether that "little account," due to a recent club secretary, was ever settled by the club to him?

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Why a certain Semi Final of a local cup tie was played on the competing club ground, instead of a neutral one?

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And what does the rule say?

\* \* \* \* \*

When will it be compulsory for initial season referees to have periodical examinations?

\* \* \* \* \*

And who was the referee who threatened to send all the players off the field?

\* \* \* \* \*

If it's true, a certain league secretary is retiring at the end of this season?

\* \* \* \* \*

And what league will be affected?

\* \* \* \* \*

Which is the successful League club, seeking new opposition next season?

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Is it because they appreciate their treatment this year?

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Whether it's correct, the Recreation Council is a "wash out," or if they do exist, what is being done?

\* \* \* \* \*

What Bristol critic is it referred to as a punster in a weekly journal lately?

\* \* \* \* \*

Is the writer having a joke, or is it just local pun?

\* \* \* \* \*

What is this little trouble we hear of on that football ground at Clevedon junction?

\* \* \* \* \*

Ain't it nearly time 'twas stopped, but——

\* \* \* \* \*

Whether the English Amateur Cup, or English Cup are "Senior" competitions to our local cup competitions?

\* \* \* \* \*

And isn't it nearly time we stopped those players playing in our Junior and Senior Cup competitions?

\* \* \* \* \*

Whether more trials between "probables" and "possibles" will take place this season to "find" our talent for next season's G.F.A. Amateur Championship games?

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Who is the Bristol Football Official to recently discover, after having missed the last car, that there is more than one bus depôt in Bristol?

\* \* \* \* \*

Have some League officials their favourite clubs, and also the opposite?

\* \* \* \* \*

Why are the best referees not always given the best matches?

\* \* \* \* \*

Which club secretary unties the referee's laces and generally helps him to prepare?

\* \* \* \* \*

Does he wish to curry favour?

\* \* \* \* \*

What referee blows up for outside, lets the player centre and allows the goal?

\* \* \* \* \*

Does this same referee declare a player was on-side because the ball came off the goal-keeper 3 or 4 kicks before?

\* \* \* \* \*

Which club linesman expected a referee to reverse a decision given ten minutes before?



What club discovered a similarity in colours on their opponent's ground, but not previously on their own?

\* \* \* \* \*

Did they have another set of jerseys?

\* \* \* \* \*

Are all statistics, as to length of service, strictly accurate?

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Lloyd George promised 9d. for 4d., which referee demanded a 9d. fare for 4½d.?

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Was the club secretary charitably inclined, or disgusted?

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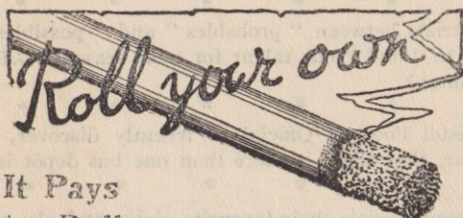
Which is the referee who notified friends his intention to order a certain player off the *following* Saturday?

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Could he order a player off because he was under suspension?

\* \* \* \* \*

Even if true, was it his business?



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We are under a debt of gratitude to the Wesley Rangers Committee for the excellent arrangements made for our match with the "C. of E." on January 28th. It was in no small measure due to them that the event proved successful, and passed off without a hitch. Their reward must be the satisfaction of knowing that they contributed much to the enjoyment of those who were privileged to attend.

Several desirable results were achieved. First, it brought together on the field of play 22 lads, who served up a really enjoyable game of football. It was not a case everybody seeing how hard and how high they could kick. It was a "game" played with method and thought, and there were many movements which indicated that the head directed the feet. There were slips and faults, of course, but the intent was good. We are not so foolish as to regard these teams as composed of 22 budding, or even "potential" internationals, but we do think, that if this type and style of football is encouraged, there will be some real good play to be seen in Bristol and the outlying districts in the near future, to say nothing of furnishing likely recruits for Ashton Gate and Eastville.

Another salutary result was the gathering together of representatives of the local leagues. An excellent spirit prevailed, and the mutual exchange of ordinary courtesies, together with the free and friendly interchange of views and opinions, should help toward that understanding of each other, which is so essential to confidence and trust. There is ample room for all the Leagues, that are in existence (when there is not, death will result from self-suffocation), and a more healthy and happier life for all is more likely to result from candid confidence than from sub-conscious suspicion. In this connection, the suggestion of Mr. J. Kennedy, Junr., re Junior Inter League Competition is a timely one. It deserves to materialize for itself alone, and the fact that Mr. G. T. Bryant made himself responsible for a suitable trophy is an added incentive.

Further, an excellent opportunity was afforded for offering some sound suggestions concerning what might be termed the higher value of sport, and the lads, we believe, appreciated them, and will "bear them in mind." Lads have a natural aversion to being "preached at" (perhaps none of us like it over much), but there is a "happy knack" in giving advice, and the speakers, on this occasion, certainly possess it.

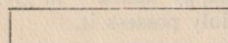
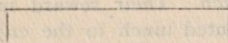
### RESIGNATIONS.

The period of the season has been reached when resignations are usually expected. We have received two. Oldland St. Annes were members of our own, as well as the C. of E. League. Owing to a number of causes, chief among which were postponed matches, draws and protests in Minor Cup Competition, they found themselves at the second week in February with 25 League matches to play. In these circumstances,



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we think, they acted wisely in tendering their resignation, naturally, we should like them to have retained membership with the K. and D. League, but as we are given to understand, that their connection with the "C. of E." dates from 1910, we should have been surprised if that league had not received first consideration. We should like to say that we have always held the club and its League Representatives in high esteem. More than one club desired to fill the vacancy, but in accordance with a promise made, it was given to Kensington Villa, a new club to affiliate to the G.F.A., and playing at Knowle. The Hon. Secretary, is Mr. A. Sheppard, 21 Gas Lane, St. Philips.

The other club to resign is Siston. We sympathise with the lads whose homes are in the vicinity of Webbs Heath, who bravely tried to carry on the club. They, doubtless, missed the good offices of their friend of last season, Mr. L. Jones. But this gentleman has a multitude of other duties to attend to, which occupy all his leisure hours. This vacancy has been filled by Poplar Rovers Juniors, an unanimous choice, and one that found general favour. When Poplar Rovers are playing away, the good folk of North Common will now have "their little ones at home."

#### EASTER TUESDAY TOURNAMENT.

"'Tis not in mortals to command success, but we'll do more—deserve it." This is our motto for Easter Tuesday. We have arranged for the use of the "Star" enclosure, Sonndwell, the "home" of the Leather Trades. If need be, three playing pitches can be provided. Medals have been purchased to the gross value of £32. These will shortly be on show in the district. For an "infant" league this outlay is a "speculative venture." Our aim is to assure all prospective competitors of our honest intentions. We are adopting a generous, rather than a cheese-paring policy. We look to be supported. There are 4 sections: Open, Senior and Junior, and League Senior and Junior.

#### "NIP" BRITTON.

It is with sincere regret that we record the passing of George Britton, familiarly known as "Nip." Never of particularly robust constitution, he fell a victim to Pneumonia, following Influenza. He was a cheery disposition, with a commendable sense of "fairness" in sport. Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Britton and family. The eldest son is a player for our Bourne Juniors team.

#### CONCERT.

The visit of the Kentucky Concert Party to the British Schoolroom, Kingswood, was quite a success. Those who attended had their money's worth. Our thanks are due to the Concert Party for their services, to Mr. S. Brain, whose promptitude made the concert possible on that particular date, and to the Finance Committee, including Mr. F. H. Kitley, for their abundant labours.

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### "WE ARE SORRY"

That Mr. E. W. Avery was unable to be present on January 28th—'flu to blame.

That Rev. E. Marshall Moyle was also absent through indisposition.

That Reg. Pearce has had "a month of it." There's not much of him either. But he's a big parcel in a small wrapper.

That the "better half" of Mr. F. H. Kitley, has also been laid aside. This lady is Mr. Kitley's "right hand," and he's a lucky fellow to also possess a sister-in-law.

That the 9 years old son of Mr. Wm. Sheppard sustained considerable injuries, as a result of being knocked down by a passing motor-car. He is progressing well.

### "WE HEAR"

That certain young men from North Somerset who can "play football," and who are at present engaged on works at Keynsham, have found Willsbridge very inviting. So much, that they have thrown in their lot with the "Rangers." Is it the salubrious air of the sunny slopes of Brockham? Or is it the "Zummerzet Zider" at the Queen's Head? Or is it—well, there are some pretty girls out that way.

That Mr. J. S. Proll, the enthusiastic Secretary of All Saints O.B., is a billiard player of considerable ability, and that he is often to be seen at the tables of the Longwell Green Institute.

That he is also entering a team in the open Section of the Tournament, under the name of the "Spinning Tops," that are going to make things "hum."

That Mr. F. Brookes is the man who puts the "hope" into Hopewell Hill.

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## League Table to February 18th, 1922 (inclusive).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Speedwell ... ..	13	7	3	3	23	11	17
All Saints' O.B. ... ..	11	7	2	2	30	17	16
Brockham Hill Rangers ... ..	12	6	3	3	23	18	15
Bourne ... ..	11	6	2	3	24	13	14
Kensington Villa ... ..	6	5	0	1	20	4	10
Poplar Rovers ... ..	11	2	5	4	23	27	9
Hopewell Hill ... ..	13	3	2	8	20	34	8
Warmley Res. ... ..	12	2	3	7	7	18	7
Hanham Baptist ... ..	13	2	2	9	16	45	6

## Charity League to February 18th, 1922 (inclusive).

Bourne ... ..	7	6	0	1	21	10	12
All Saints O.B. ... ..	7	5	0	2	18	7	10
Speedwell ... ..	7	4	1	2	13	7	9
Poplar Rovers ... ..	10	3	2	5	20	22	8
Brockham Hill Rangers ... ..	7	2	2	3	12	15	6
Hopewell Hill ... ..	4	2	0	2	8	12	4
Warmley Res. ... ..	7	1	1	5	6	14	3
Hanham Baptist ... ..	5	1	0	4	7	18	2

## Junior Section Table to February 18 (inclusive).

Wesley Rangers ... ..	24	23	0	1	134	25	46
St. Matthew's ... ..	21	17	1	3	125	18	35
Kingswood North End ... ..	22	14	2	6	86	40	30
Kingswood Congregational ... ..	22	13	2	7	68	58	28
Bourne Junrs. ... ..	16	13	0	3	71	24	26
Hanham Baptist Juniors ... ..	18	11	1	6	50	37	23
Poplar Rovers ... ..	21	10	3	8	65	48	23
East End ... ..	18	9	2	7	53	48	20
Cockroad U.M. ... ..	21	8	3	10	69	56	19
Southville ... ..	21	6	3	12	35	56	15
Hanham Tabernacle ... ..	20	6	2	12	49	63	14
Staple Hill Utd. ... ..	20	5	1	14	29	88	11
All Saints' Juniors ... ..	21	4	3	14	31	96	11
St. Michael's ... ..	23	4	1	18	36	112	9
Victoria Juniors ... ..	14	3	1	10	30	56	7
Kensington Villa Juniors... ..	18	1	0	17	19	107	2

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## Bristol Wednesday Football League.

An important match bearing on the Championship of the League was played at Horfield on Wednesday last. Horfield United Wednesday v. Post Office. The latter winning 3 to nil.

The Post Office have a 3 point lead at the top of the table, while Bristol Butchers are running close on Horfield's heels for second place. We shall, no doubt, see a fine finish before the Championship and Runners up are decided.

The 5th Cavalry Depot are proving a real good sporting side, and are hoping to win the Gloster Wednesday Challenge Cup.

The Semi-Finals, of which will be played on Wednesday, 22nd inst. Horfield United Wednesday v. 5th Cavalry Depot on Bristol Rovers Ground, and the G.P.O. v. Lombardians on Bristol City's Ground.

On March 15th, we play our Final Inter-Town League match for the "Hankins Challenge Cup" v. Cardiff (holders) on Bristol Rovers Ground, if we win or draw we shall be Champions, we are hoping to prove successful, last season we only lost on goal average.

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H.H.A.

League Table up to and including Wednesday, February 15th, 1922.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	P.
Post Office ... ..	16	15	1	0	91	8	31
Horfield United Wednesday ...	15	13	0	2	86	16	26
Bristol Butchers ... ..	17	11	3	3	57	23	25
5th Cavalry Depot... ..	18	9	4	5	56	30	22
United Press ... ..	15	9	0	6	34	23	18
Lombardians ... ..	16	7	2	7	44	46	16
† Eastville Wednesday ... ..	16	7	3	6	34	40	15
Clark's College ... ..	15	5	5	5	24	32	15
Ashton Wednesday... ..	15	5	4	6	33	28	14
G.W.R. Loco. ... ..	13	4	2	7	36	31	10
Co-op. Wednesday ... ..	18	4	1	13	24	91	9
United Service ... ..	15	2	3	10	19	34	7
*G.W.R. Wednesday ... ..	13	3	2	8	18	36	4
Operative Bakers ... ..	18	1	0	17	18	133	2

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#### DIVISION 1.

To February 18th, 1922.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
St. Peter's (Bishopsworth) ...	14	11	0	3	59	17	22
St. Werburgh's ...	12	10	1	1	49	14	21
St. Mary Redcliffe ...	13	7	4	2	40	11	18
St. Nicholas (W.) ...	13	8	1	4	38	18	17
Publow and Pensford ...	10	8	0	2	41	5	16
St. Thomas (E) ...	13	6	3	4	27	24	15
St. Francis ...	10	5	0	5	21	24	10
St. Paul's (Bedminster) ...	16	4	0	12	20	59	8
St. Barnabas O.B. ...	15	2	1	12	12	66	5
Horfield Church ...	10	3	0	7	19	35	6
St. Peter's (C.W.) ...	16	1	0	15	8	61	2

#### DIVISION 2.

Wadley End Mission ...	16	12	2	2	50	25	26
Holy Trinity (B.S.)... ..	15	12	1	2	53	10	25
Holy Trinity (St. Philip's) ...	17	10	3	4	27	17	22
East Compton ... ..	17	7	4	6	31	35	18
St. Simon's ... ..	17	7	3	7	34	31	17
Yatton ... ..	13	7	2	4	30	25	16
Portishead Legion ... ..	15	5	5	5	37	30	15
Emmanuel ... ..	17	4	6	7	22	27	14
St. Anne's (Oldland) ... ..	7	6	1	0	51	5	13
St. Nicholas (W.) Res. ... ..	15	4	4	7	17	29	12
St. Silas Y.M.B.C. ... ..	17	3	3	11	15	42	9
St. Mary (R.) Res.... ..	15	2	2	11	16	67	6
Stapleton Church ... ..	17	2	1	14	13	53	5

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## DIVISION 3.

To February 18th, 1922.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Redcliffe Athletic ... ..	20	18	0	2	76	15	36
St. Saviour's (C.H.) ... ..	21	17	1	3	95	20	35
St. Luke's (Barton Hill) ... ..	21	15	1	5	78	25	31
Temple Church ... ..	20	12	2	6	48	34	26
Christ Church (C. of E.) ... ..	16	12	0	4	52	14	24
St. Ambrose ... ..	21	11	2	8	53	53	24
Southmead Mission ... ..	18	6	3	9	41	42	15
St. Cuthbert's ... ..	18	6	3	9	43	57	15
St. Silas Mission ... ..	15	6	2	7	31	42	14
St. Peter's (F.C.) ... ..	16	7	3	6	32	37	13
St. Gabriel's ... ..	16	6	1	9	37	45	13
St. Andrew's (Avonmouth) ... ..	19	7	3	9	51	48	13
St. Lawrence ... ..	20	4	0	16	20	55	8
*Wadley End Res. ... ..	17	3	0	14	27	74	6
Emmanuel Res. ... ..	15	2	2	11	21	64	6
Horfield Church Res. ... ..	17	0	3	14	12	95	3

## JUNIOR DIVISION.

St. Andrew's Mission ... ..	22	17	3	2	91	20	37
St. Werburgh's Res. ... ..	17	17	0	0	98	14	34
All Saints' Scouts (Fishponds) ... ..	18	11	4	3	47	20	26
St. Andrew's (A.) Res. ... ..	21	10	5	6	50	30	25
St. Anne's Res. (Oldland) ... ..	18	9	4	5	34	26	22
St. Dunstan's ... ..	22	8	6	8	36	32	22
Publow and Pensford Juniors ... ..	14	10	1	3	47	14	21
St. Cuthbert's Res.... ... ..	20	9	3	8	54	48	21
Temple Juniors ... ..	21	7	6	8	42	37	20
St. Stephen's Juniors ... ..	20	7	2	11	32	51	16
St. Peter's (Portishead) ... ..	16	8	1	8	32	48	14
St. Mary's (R.) Juniors ... ..	19	6	2	11	32	57	14
Redcliffe Athletic Res. ... ..	20	4	2	14	18	55	10
St. Simon's Juniors ... ..	17	4	1	12	24	44	9
Henbury Church ... ..	18	3	0	15	22	84	6
St. Peter's (City) ... ..	21	2	2	17	20	98	6

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## Bristol & District Football League.

On February 11th Hanham lost their first match of the season. Staple Hill A. S. being the victors by 2—1, also on same day, Bedminster Down Sports did likewise, losing to E. W. Pratt and Co., 5—4. Victoria Park O. B's., who head the Junior Division will take part in the Final of the Gloucester Youths Shield Competition, having defeated the M. R. Co. in the Semi-final. Bedminster United have also won their way into the final of the Gloucester Minor Cup, having defeated Clifton Villa in the Semi-final.

### DIVISION I.

Table up to and including February 11th.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Hanham Athletic ... ..	18	14	3	1	54	18	31
Brecknell, Munro, Rogers & Co...	19	13	1	5	49	25	27
Pill Athletic ... ..	20	10	5	5	34	20	25
Brislington ... ..	22	10	4	8	46	37	24
St. Philip's A.S. ... ..	16	11	1	4	40	16	23
Ashcombe Rangers ... ..	19	10	3	6	34	21	23
Leather Trades ... ..	13	9	4	0	36	13	22
Staple Hill A.S. ... ..	19	8	4	7	44	48	20
Mangotsfield ... ..	16	8	3	5	30	20	19
Shirehampton ... ..	19	7	5	7	31	25	19
Keynsham ... ..	20	7	3	10	27	41	17
Clevedon ... ..	19	5	5	9	23	43	15
J. S. Fry & Sons ... ..	17	3	5	9	20	36	11
H. J. Packer & Co....	20	3	5	12	17	38	11
*St. George Sports ... ..	17	3	6	8	27	34	10
Bristol Trams ... ..	16	2	2	12	34	51	6
Frenchay ... ..	18	1	1	16	14	75	3

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	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Bedminster Down Sports...	20	16	3	1	72	23	35
E. W. Pratt & Co. ...	19	16	1	2	66	18	33
Victoria Park O.B....	16	10	3	3	40	22	23
Yatton ...	18	8	5	5	39	27	21
St. Francis ...	17	8	4	5	50	30	20
Brislington Res. ...	15	9	1	5	33	30	19
Nailsea ...	17	9	1	7	40	25	19
St. Philip's A.S. Res. ...	14	6	6	2	26	16	18
Bristol Pottery ...	19	7	4	8	43	42	18
Burnham ...	18	6	4	8	31	46	16
Clevedon Res. ...	15	6	0	9	24	40	12
Mangotsfield Res. ...	15	4	3	8	16	35	11
E. S. & A. Robinson's ...	17	5	1	11	24	52	11
Bedminster United ...	14	3	4	7	24	25	10
Horfield Wesleyan ...	17	3	2	12	24	46	8
Stapleton ...	13	1	3	9	19	39	5
Victoria St. George ...	20	1	3	16	30	84	5

## DIVISION III.

St. Nicholas R.C. ...	21	15	5	1	69	18	35
Staple Hill A.S. Res. ...	18	17	0	1	68	19	34
St. George Sports Res. ...	21	14	4	3	62	26	32
Shirehampton ...	21	13	4	4	50	28	30
Anglo Sports ...	19	13	3	3	59	27	29
*Warmley ...	23	13	2	8	52	38	26
Victoria Park O.B. Res. ...	22	10	2	10	48	36	22
H. J. Packer & Co Res. ...	24	9	4	11	31	48	22
Pill Athletic Res. ...	17	9	2	6	36	26	20
Brookland ...	19	8	4	7	38	39	20
*Keynsham Res. ...	22	10	2	10	61	41	20
J. S. Fry & Sons Res. ...	19	9	1	9	28	26	19
St. John's O.B. ...	22	7	4	11	43	49	18
St. Anne's Park A.S. ...	24	6	4	14	27	56	16
Horfield Institute ...	23	7	1	15	30	66	15
Long Ashton... ...	17	5	3	9	29	44	13
Frenchay Res. ...	23	1	6	16	25	67	8
St. Mary's Rovers ...	23	2	4	17	30	86	8
Cocoa Tree Boys ...	20	2	3	15	35	82	7

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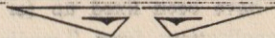
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## JUNIOR DIVISION.

		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Victoria Park O.B....	...	16	15	1	0	98	7	31
Brislington Cadets ...	...	16	11	4	1	58	18	26
Cocoa Tree Boys ...	...	15	10	1	4	68	30	21
H. J. Packer & Co....	...	15	8	2	5	44	39	18
Avonside ...	...	17	4	5	8	41	57	13
Brookland Church ...	...	12	6	0	6	32	38	12
Hillside Villa ...	...	15	5	2	8	20	43	12
Anglo Sports ...	...	12	2	5	5	21	30	9
G.P.O. Messengers ...	...	11	3	2	6	29	46	8
Bath Street Wesleyan ...	...	13	2	0	11	16	53	4
St. Nicholas R.C. ...	...	14	1	0	13	8	74	2



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### CRICKET AND TENNIS.

Things are now beginning to move in these spheres, and already several attractive cricket matches have been fixed up for next season. Here again, we shall welcome applications from "medium" strength XI's., as well as from weaker XI's., as we anticipate running two teams. We hope, shortly, to commence putting our "courts" a bit ship-shape at our "out-door" home, at the Swan Ground, Hanham. Now you sportsmen look out for Grand Concert, March 11th, for your benefit, and work your hardest to make it a success!!!

### GENERAL.

Our indoor games continue to be patronized, although not so great as we should like, considering our Brotherhood is 900 strong.

Our Debating Society continues to meet every alternate Monday evening, and on January 23rd we had the privilege and pleasure of a visit from "Half Back."

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## Bristol and Suburban Football League.

### GENERAL INFORMATION.

**B**EAUMONT Athletic takes over place of Brislington Wesleyan in the 5th Division. Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Redman, 13 Bedford Street, Stapleton Road; Ground, Downs; Dressing Room, "Lane's," High Street; Colours, Blue and White.

Greenhill Star takes over place of Patchway United in the 3rd Division. Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. C. Curtis, The Field, Alveston, Glos. Ground and Dressing Room, near the Church.

Brislington United now change at the Assembly Rooms, Brislington.

### CHANGE OF HON. SECRETARIES.

Castle Green.—Mr. S. R. Trace, 32 Emlyn Road, Eastville.

Sixth Gloucesters.—Mr. R. Hill, 25 Hedwick Street, St. George.

Shaftesbury.—Mr. A. E. Smith, 35 Cabot Street, Church Lane, Bedminster.

Victoria Albion.—Mr. F. Totterdell, 67 Peare Street, Chessells, Bedminster.

Fishponds Town.—Mr. E. J. Rowe, 16 North Side, Mayfield Park, Fishponds.

East Bristol Labour Party.—Mr. A. Williams, 8 Herbert Street, Whitehall.

Park Villa.—Mr. James, Somerset Terrace, Windmill Hill.

Avonmouth.—Mr. H. J. Duffett, 9 Napier Road, Avonmouth.

Bedminster Thistle.—Mr. H. Park, 66 Cotswold Road, Bedminster.

Winterbourne Villa.—Mr. A. H. Carratt, Winterbourne.

Westbury.—Mr. W. Russell, 1 Francis Road, Southmead, Westbury-on-Trym.

### DIVISION 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Victoria Albions ... ..	14	12	0	2	41	7	26
Butler's Ltd. ... ..	18	11	3	4	69	21	26
Ashton City ... ..	17	10	3	4	45	24	24
Bristol Leather Trades ... ..	15	5	2	8	46	24	18
St. Pancras ... ..	14	7	4	3	38	20	17
Lyndale ... ..	16	7	6	3	31	30	17
Bristol Aero. Co. ... ..	15	7	6	2	31	26	16
Coalpit Heath ... ..	16	5	6	5	21	29	15
Avonmouth ... ..	15	5	6	4	36	21	14
Merrywood United ... ..	13	4	6	3	33	43	11
East Bristol Y.M.C.A. ... ..	15	3	11	1	13	50	7
6th Glo'sters ... ..	14	0	11	3	16	70	3
Horfield United ... ..	12	0	11	1	13	55	1

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## DIVISION 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Coe, Church & McPherson ...	18	16	1	1	61	11	33
Hanham Villa ...	15	13	1	1	47	6	27
Redfield Brotherhood ...	19	13	5	1	40	19	27
Hamilton ...	18	9	3	6	31	28	24
Bristolington United ...	20	11	8	1	41	28	23
Parson Street Old Boys ...	16	11	5	0	39	13	22
Winterbourne Down Sports ...	17	9	4	4	36	19	22
Eclipse ...	19	8	8	3	31	28	19
Warmley Tower Villa ...	19	4	10	5	32	48	13
R.A.M.C. (T.) ...	20	6	13	1	24	52	13
Raleigh United ...	15	5	8	2	31	26	12
Iron Acton and Yate ...	19	5	13	1	23	36	11
Bristol Trams ...	16	4	10	2	25	48	10
Jennings Ltd. ...	18	2	16	0	16	62	4
Avonclift ...	15	2	13	0	9	52	4

## DIVISION 3.

Fishponds Town ...	20	15	2	3	78	13	33
Pucklechurch ...	21	16	4	1	68	20	33
Redding United ...	19	14	1	4	60	24	32
Newtown Old Boys... ..	14	12	0	2	63	5	26
St. John's Villa ...	16	11	2	3	45	13	25
Langtonians ...	21	10	9	2	45	44	22
Ashton City Res. ...	17	9	6	2	49	35	20
St. Joseph's ...	17	8	5	4	46	40	20
Dean Lane ...	17	8	7	2	34	34	18
Owen Street Mission ...	19	4	8	7	36	36	15
Winterbourne Villa ...	18	5	11	2	24	58	12
Bedminster Dominicans ...	20	3	16	1	28	70	7
St. Pancras Res. ...	16	2	11	3	26	40	7
6th Glo'sters Res. ...	16	3	12	1	19	91	7
Greenhill Star ...	18	2	14	2	24	58	6
Hilldale United ...	15	0	14	1	8	72	1

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## DIVISION 4.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Wesley Chapel ... ..	22	18	3	1	75	21	37
Shaftesbury ... ..	23	17	4	2	59	26	36
Longwell Green ... ..	22	14	3	5	46	10	33
Ashton Gate Brewery ... ..	22	15	6	1	68	39	31
Bitton ... ..	22	12	5	5	49	34	29
Bushy Park Wesleyan ... ..	23	9	10	4	41	38	22
Avonmouth Reserves ... ..	20	9	10	1	54	42	19
G.W.R. ... ..	15	8	4	3	40	18	19
Bedminster Victoria ... ..	15	8	4	3	36	19	19
Westbury ... ..	21	7	10	4	32	47	18
Y.M.C.A. Bro. ... ..	21	6	11	4	44	53	16
Berkeley United ... ..	20	6	11	3	28	33	15
John Hare & Co. ... ..	22	6	13	3	38	61	15
United Yeast Co. ... ..	21	5	12	4	33	52	14
Cowlin's Sports ... ..	18	5	11	2	34	47	12
Ashton Avenue ... ..	18	2	12	4	25	45	8
Salem P.M. ... ..	21	0	18	3	16	127	3

## DIVISION 5.

Eastville U.M. ... ..	21	16	4	1	92	24	33
Parson Street Old Boys Res. ... ..	22	14	4	4	48	32	32
British Petroleum Co. ... ..	19	13	2	4	50	16	30
Dings Villa ... ..	16	12	1	3	78	17	27
Bedminster Thistle ... ..	19	12	5	2	44	18	26
Brecknell's Nomads ... ..	19	8	8	3	30	34	19
Beaumont Athletic ... ..	16	9	7	0	33	29	18
Brislington United Res. ... ..	19	7	9	3	36	33	17
Ravenswood ... ..	19	8	11	0	32	38	16
Pucklechurch Res. ... ..	20	5	10	5	32	50	15
Bristol East Labour Party ... ..	15	7	7	1	26	30	15
Winterbourne Down Sports Res. ... ..	17	5	8	4	29	36	14
Knowle Athletic ... ..	19	5	12	2	21	68	12
F. Braby & Co. ... ..	19	4	15	0	29	60	8
Castle Green... ..	23	2	17	4	24	90	8
*Lyndale Res. ... ..	18	4	12	2	20	42	8

\*Two points deducted for playing an ineligible man.

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## DIVISION 6.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Co-op Society Guild ...	24	23	0	1	136	10	47
Brick Street Mission ...	23	16	4	3	87	25	35
York House ...	22	14	4	4	77	28	32
Victoria Rangers ...	20	13	5	2	53	28	28
Cadbury Heath Y.M.C.A. ...	21	12	5	4	47	22	28
Bedminster Wesleyan ...	21	10	5	6	52	22	26
Dean Villa ...	23	11	9	3	64	43	25
Pullin, Thomas & Slade ...	21	10	7	4	45	33	24
St. John's Villa Res. ...	20	11	8	1	52	54	23
St. Mark's Baptist... ..	20	9	8	3	48	46	21
Easton Athletic ...	21	7	13	1	32	59	15
Y.M.C.A. Brotherhood Res. ...	20	6	12	2	26	77	14
Portwall Rangers ...	20	5	12	3	36	65	13
Raleigh United Res. ...	24	6	15	3	36	72	13
Old King Street Wesleyan ...	18	2	12	4	22	51	8
Stoates' Mills ...	22	2	20	0	25	119	4
Henleaze ...	21	2	19	0	19	101	4

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## Jottings from the Juniors.

LOOK out for some Inter-League matches between the Junior Leagues of Bristol.

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What's the odds on of a final in the Suburban League (Junior) Division I. this season.

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How will the Junior Suburbanites fare at Merthyr? One thing we do know. They will do their best.

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We congratulate the Kingswood and Church of England Leagues on their display in the Junior sphere. A step in the right direction!

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Who will win the Junior Shield? May the best side win.

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Figures, the ex-schoolboy pivot, is now playing for Victoria Rangers in the 6th Division Sub. League.

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Were the Junior Suburbanites happy at the recent Dinner? Just ask 'em.

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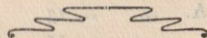
University Settlement seem "settled" at the top of the 2nd Division Junior Suburban League.

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Wonder if the Bristol Recreation Council has ever thought of helping Junior football leagues?

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Whether it's possible to inaugurate a fund for the purpose of promoting our Junior Leagues.



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**DIVISION 1**

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Avonleigh ... ..	17	16	1	0	71	7	32
Shirehampton ... ..	17	15	0	2	75	14	32
Winterbourne ... ..	16	13	3	0	59	23	26
Mangotsfield ... ..	14	10	4	0	57	21	20
Rechabites ... ..	18	9	8	1	39	37	19
Eastville U.M. ... ..	21	8	12	1	47	61	17
East Bristol Y.M.C.A. ...	15	7	6	2	34	34	16
Kingswood Congregational	17	7	8	2	37	38	16
Wick ... ..	16	6	9	1	28	46	13
Horfield United Juniors	18	5	12	1	28	61	11
St. Werburgh's ... ..	15	3	11	1	17	46	7
Factory Street ... ..	16	2	13	1	20	54	5
Kensington Juniors...	12	1	11	0	9	74	2

Avon Athletic having resigned all points are deducted.

**DIVISION 2**

Bedminster Wesleyans ...	17	12	2	3	56	18	27
University ... ..	16	8	3	5	50	21	21
Derhams ... ..	14	9	3	2	62	18	20
Avonleigh II. ... ..	15	8	4	3	34	19	19
*Midland Railway ... ..	14	7	3	4	46	19	16
Dings ... ..	16	7	7	2	38	33	16
Luckwell ... ..	15	6	7	2	23	26	14
Ashton Athletic ... ..	13	4	6	3	16	20	11
Park Villa ... ..	11	2	8	1	12	44	5
Rechabites ... ..	15	1	12	2	13	80	4
Newtown Athletic ... ..	15	1	13	1	10	67	3

\*Two points deducted for playing ineligible player.

**DIVISION 3.**

Victoria Athletic ... ..	17	14	2	1	67	17	29
Victoria United ... ..	16	14	2	0	68	14	28
Shirehampton ... ..	13	13	0	0	48	10	26
Easton Road U.M. ... ..	16	9	5	2	39	30	20
St. Silas ... ..	15	7	4	4	45	20	18
Luckwell O.B. ... ..	13	5	8	0	29	37	10
East Bristol Y.M.C.A. ...	13	3	8	2	24	43	8
Avonmouth ... ..	15	2	10	3	23	56	7
Baptist Mills... ..	15	3	12	0	21	50	6
Langtonians ... ..	13	1	9	3	16	55	5
Mount Tabor ... ..	16	1	12	3	11	50	5

Stapleton Junior having resigned all points are deducted.



## The Team that nearly Made History.

WE had talked the matter over for weeks amongst ourselves, and at last the day came when we had a real meeting, which was held under the lamp at the top of the street, in which the majority of us resided.

Despite the numerous interferences made by the lady who kept the shop on the opposite corner, the Club was formed, and given its name, "Clarence Villa," and one, Parker, was elected Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and Captain, owing to the fact that he possessed a real pair of footer boots and had a brother, who had a professional player lodging with him.

The entrance fee was fixed at 1s., and the weekly subscription was to be 2d., which Parker was to collect when he saw us about.

Things went on for a few weeks, and most of us thought that the fund must be swelling to a respectable sum, and that being so, the time had come when we should purchase a ball.

When we met Parker to pay our weekly subs, we put the matter before him, who in turn informed us that we had the large sum of 5s. 6d. in hand, and that some of the members were in arrears, so we decided to wait a while for the ball until the cash was more plentiful.

However, Parker was a spendthrift, and turned up one day with the news that he had secured a secondhand ball for 2s. 6d., and assured us that it was a real "good un." We thought Parker was a marvel.

A practice match was at once arranged for the following Saturday, at which the ball was to be produced.

Saturday seemed to take years coming round that week, and on a fine afternoon we were all in readiness at the appointed meeting place, with the exception of Parker, and grave rumours went round concerning the ball.

All of a sudden a cheer went up, Parker had arrived, and the ball.

It was a ball alright, but what game it was intended for was a problem that would take years to solve.

To be as accurate as possible it looked like a Rugby ball, which had been sat on by a very heavy person.

A bee line was at once made for the pitch, and Parker kicked the ball into the air.

It swerved as it rose, and as it began to drop assumed a different shape. A rush was made to trap it, but on reaching *terra firma* it never bounced, the case was ripped and the bladder had burst. We hardly knew whether to laugh or cry. Parker's face was a study.

Some of us demanded our money back, whilst the optimists talked of repairing the ball.

The argument got hot, and several fights ensued, and on looking round, Parker had disappeared.

We did not see him until two weeks after, when he informed us that he had lost the remaining 3s., and that he was resigning.

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## What is Wrong?

### A Wail from Football Clubs.

**O**FTEN this season we have heard that common club wail, "what's think of the G. F. A.," and just as often the response a "bloomin rotten lot."

Why is it these expressions are used, and what is the cause? Opinions will differ on this point, but as in every day life, there is bound to be "cause and effect." The G. F. A. are a body of men whose duty is to control, govern and rule the game, according to Law in this Country.

In some people's estimation they often do weird things, but the fact remains that having been appointed by their respective leagues, these respective gentlemen do what in their judgment is right. If there's any complaint, well, the club has to "smile" and "obey."

If the clubs aren't satisfied, they have the remedy. What do I mean? Simply this! Every year the annual meeting is held. If a club has anything to bring forward, then is the opportunity.

At the last annual meeting only sixteen clubs were represented out of a total of about 400.

Why should clubs grumble when they sacrifice their only voice in control of the game by their absence from these meetings.

I fully recollect when the G. F. A. annuals were crowded houses, but of recent years they have fallen considerably. Why? Lack of club interest, that's all.

Now then, if clubs are not disposed to seek a little for themselves, they would be well advised to "cut the cackle," and leave the G. F. A. to do their work to the best of their ability and judgment.

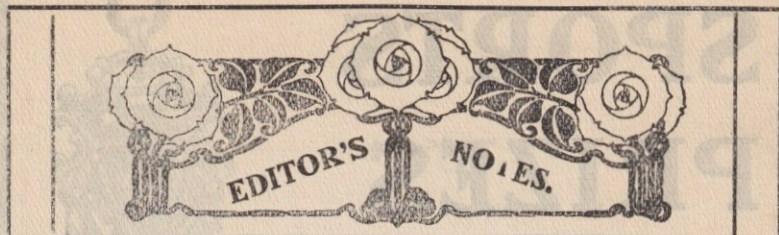
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## Things in General.

**I**N another part of this issue we have pleasure in publishing the Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Bristol Central Cricket League, and our readers cannot fail to be impressed at the thorough business-like methods of this organization. Capt. Gould and his fellow officials are to be highly congratulated on their success in the past, and doubtless, the 1922 season will be an addition.

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By the time our April number is published, the Kingswood and District League Tournament will be a thing of the past. We hope every other League will support this initial effort of the "infant" league, and urge their clubs to compete or patronise this Easter Tuesday function at the "Star" Ground, Soundwell.

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The G.F.A. has once again issued its appeal to soccer clubs, to support the Lord Mayor's Hospital Fund. We make no excuse for re-printing it, and commending it to all club Secretaries.

### SPECIAL NOTICE TO CLUBS.

**The Council specially request that all Clubs affiliated within a radius of ten miles of Bristol make a collection at their home match on Easter Saturday or Easter Monday for the Lord Mayor of Bristol's Hospital Fund; that such Clubs are invited, if they so prefer, to play a Charity Match for the Fund; that all such monies raised be sent to the Financial Secretary, Mr. A. C. Chappelle, 3 Belmont Road, Brislington, Bristol, to forward in bulk to the Lord Mayor.**

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Last month we published an article signed CLUB SEC. on the value of the G.F.A., and in reply to same, we have this month received a communication which appears elsewhere. Believing that there are two sides to every question, and much that is right on both sides, we feel we are justified in sanctioning its publication. To avoid, however, any possibility of our being accused of partiality, we print the letter *exactly* as received. We hope those holding similar or different views will also

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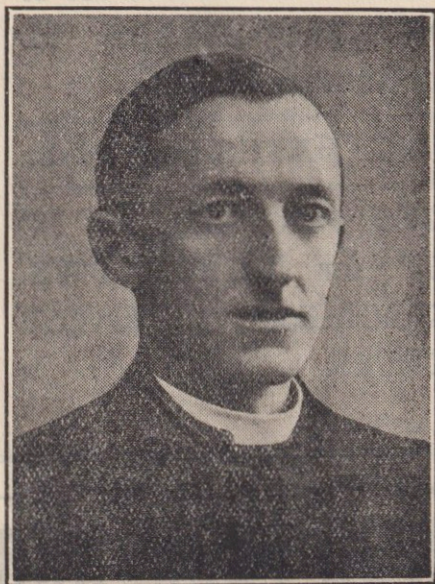
express their opinions. Unfortunately, in every sport nowadays, the organizing work is left to a selected few, who year after year bear all the curses and receive precious few blessings. In public nothing is said against them or their work, but in private they are subjected to criticism and all manner of accusations without opportunity of refuting them, and generally the worse critics are those who are either unwilling, or incapable of undertaking the work themselves.

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Mr. B. Edward King, the Hon. Secretary of this district association, C.T.C. can hardly be accused of letting the grass grow under his feet. Immediately any correspondence crops up in our local press, and cycling is mentioned, our worthy secretary is up in arms with a suitable reply. Such an official deserves unlimited support, and this induces us to point out to the many hundreds of footballers who are also cyclists, the advantages to be gained by joining a properly constituted club. If cricket or tennis is not appreciated as your summer pastime, there is no better enjoyment than a ride in the country with congenial companions.

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The Church of England League are sustaining a tremendous loss by the impending departure of their Chairman, the Rev. T. S. Dawson, now Vicar of St. Paul's, Portland Square, to another Diocese. No words of ours can adequately express our appreciation of his worth, and our hope is, that while achieving success in his new sphere of activity, at some not distant date, the Bristol Diocese may again be able to welcome him back.



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Everyone will have read with regret the death of Mrs. S. C. Crocker, the wife of the indefatigable secretary of the Suburban League. To some ladies their husband's work for sport is considered a bore, but Mrs. Crocker always welcomed her husband's football pals with a smile, and it was a pleasure to call at their home. We can but extend our deepest sympathy with Mr. Crocker and the relations in their irreparable loss.

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### What Others Think.

SIR.

In reply to "Club Secretary Notes" (What is Wrong), i.e. G.F.A. I venture to say that the slogan relating to the G.F.A. Simply emanates from New and little Clubs, Lacking Football experience, Who pre-miscurously get into hot water, For My own long experience of Football work have convinced Me that to venture an opinion from an experienced Club Secretary about the G.F.A. would be met with a twinkle of the eye or probably are you going to have one, Simply because it does Not Take an alive Secretary Many Moons to realise that the G.F.A. Is an hereditary elected constitution, Therefore not with standing the numerical strength of particular League's or Clubs, The latter have always to play second fiddle annually so far as the formation of the G.F.A. Is concerned, To briefly illustrate the position, Democratic imbued Politicians have told us that the hereditary Chamber of The House of Lords retards Democratic progress or Vetoes any Measures against the interest they represent, Personally, I have nothing to say against any of the Gentlemen on the roll of Vice Presidents, Only I disagree with the system, In at least two ways, First they do not equally represent the affiliated League's, Which shows that an organisation so constituted cannot be paradoxical to democratic ideas. When one or more bodies have an automatic elected pull over another body, Secondly I disagree with the Present system existing, That the Personal is out of date, Not that I wish to deprecate the honour due to any Person that as given 20 or 30 years to Football Work, But I venture to say that we should look to Sportsmen who have had a good innings to at least automaticise The constitution Thus making room, That others labours Might have that reconition due, For when one realised that approximately 85 Per Cent. of the amatuer players in Bristol to-day ranges from 12 years of age to 22. It is useless and boring the praiting about days gone by and defunct Clubs in the East, Before the present players time, Which shows that the present Personal are not in a Position to cultivate the cyclogical temperment of the rising generation.

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Club-Secretary, amuses me when he says that the G.F.A. rules the Game according to the Laws in this Country, one thing the G.F.A. are amenable to the Laws of the realm. In spite of all there rulings behind closed doors For we pride ourselves as Englishmen, That a Man is innocent until 12. Of his Countrymen have proved him Guilty, But on the other side a party can be debarred from his favourite hobby without having the opportunity of Personally defending himself or in writing, and this success have been obtained and goes on, Because the class of opposition is generally Lads who are suspended for this or that, Have only got a few shillings to call their own, and cannot fight on a Legal Basis In which one would soon realise that the precedence of Football was diametrically different to the Laws of the country, how "Club Sec." that the Clubs have the opportunity at the annual meetings, under the present precedence they have Not as individual Clubs, For these annual Meetings are held at a critical juncture to the majority When hardly 10 Per Cent. of the Clubs are affiliated for the ensuing season, 2 Seasons ago I stopped outside the annual Meeting, There not being a quorm of Clubs' present, What was the position last year. Being one of the 16 Clubs present I went bent upon taking up the cudgels as to the proceedings if there was not a quorm of clubs present equivalent to the existing clubs. But not being in a humourous mood I could not owing to finding Myself in a room with a holding capacity for 30. So if the 400, Hundred Clubs had mysteriously turned up one can imagine the results.

"Club-Sec," queries Clubs grumbling because they fail to take advantage of these annual stunts, All I can say its a querer democracy to exist for one to have to wait annually to air a greivance or to endeavour to obtain Justice, My own experience of these annual stunts has been that the major Part of these meetings are occupied in Speech Making I well remember when the Sheppard Hall, Old Market Street, Stuckey's, Wine Street, and The Crown and Dove, was packed at these annual Meetings. In those Days The Various Leagues organised its Clubs to attend to elect by Ballot the various representatives on the Council in the those Days it was feasable with a Moderate affiliation fee, To-day if there is any thing beyond my conception that Clubs are liable to miss at these annual Meetings by there absents, Then I venture to say its the duty of the League's to once again organise there Clubs.

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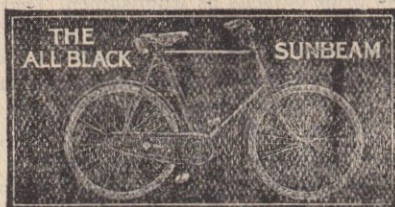
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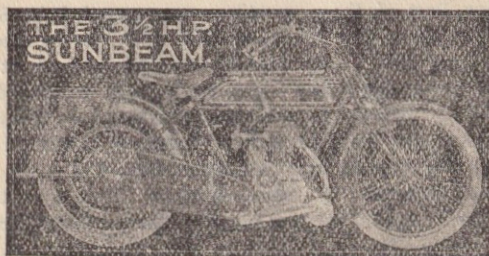
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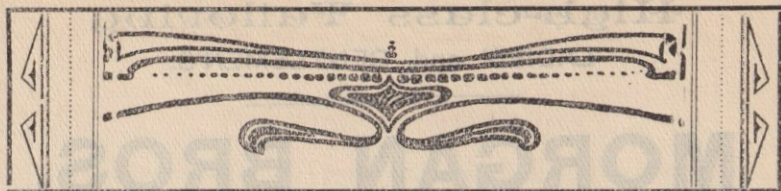
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## Cage Bird Fanciers' Notes.

A VERY successful meeting and table Show opened the commencement of the Eastville Fanciers' season for 1922, and everything points to the most prosperous season in the history of the Society. Seventeen new members being elected, and Specials galore are coming in for competition. We are glad to see that the Society are including Cage Birds, and I am sure this section will add stimulus to future Shows. This is not altogether a new branch in the history of the Society, as cage birds at one time were a feature of their shows, and I remember the reason well why cage bird fanciers stopped patronizing and lost enthusiasm, it was because they were sometimes to stage their birds in a very open and draughty room, and I remember one fancier bringing his birds and remarking: "If this is where we are to stage the birds I am going to keep mine in the case and take them home again." If these conditions are to be removed, and I believe they now are, then cage bird fanciers are sure to come forward, because there are not a more sportier lot of fanciers in the country than the Bristol boys, but they have to study their birds when staging them. Cage Birds were included at this first-of-the-season meeting and Mr. Hiscox judged, and gave satisfaction; the awards were as follows:—Yorkshire cock—1, special, Pearce; 2 Duddridge, 3 Pruett. Yorkshire hen—1, special, Pruett, 2 Duddridge, 3 Pearce.

At the monthly meeting of the Bristol East C.B.S., held at Glass House Hotel, a matched pair show was held, 6 pairs of birds being staged, and although there were only a few pairs on show, the quality was excellent, and afforded the Novice a good idea of what our champions consider a pair of birds that are likely to give the best results. A lot of business was on the agenda, such as selection of judges for the Open Show, Hall, and Officers for Year. It was disappointing to hear that Mr. H. Pearce had sent in his resignation as Hon. Secretary, and Mr. Greenslade tendered the appreciation of all members for the way in which he had carried on his duties, and expressed regret at his retiring. Mr. Freke proposed Mr. F. Lovell to be Hon. Secretary and Mr. Walters seconded the resolution, which was unanimously carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 20.

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Bristol Federation of C.B.S., which is now in its second year is making rapid strides towards solidity, it brings the three Bristol Societies together as one, and each society feels that it is a part of the other, and every cage bird fancier takes as much interest in one as the other. Although, it is in its infancy, it is full of enthusiasm, and Mr. Greenslade, the Hon. Secretary and instigator of the Federation, arranged for the Prize Distribution to be held in the way of a Social Evening, at Stuckey's Restaurant. This took place on Friday, February 24, when about 50 members, with their wives and friends, assembled; Mr. Brooks, a well-known fancier, kindly took the Chair. A musical programme was arranged and light refreshments partaken of. An interval was called, during which Mr. Brooks distributed the numerous prizes won, which included silver cups, coffee pots, cruettes, biscuit barrels, trinkets, etc., and they displayed a brilliant array on the table beneath the brilliant electric lights of the Duchess room. This marked one, if not the best evening, ever known to the fancy in Bristol, and we trust it has come to be an annual event. The bulk of the prizes were won by Mr. Kendall, Hiscox, Greenslade, Davis, Tristem, Sheam and Pillinger, other Fanciers who came in for a share of the prizes were as far afield as Bradford, and their prizes are being forwarded. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Brooks and the musical artistes, and the gathering broke up about 10.20, after the National Anthem.

A correspondent wants to know how to feed a Waxwing in captivity. We have heard a great deal about Waxwings visiting Scotland and North of England lately in the press. These are very handsome birds and are always an attraction at any show. They are natives of Scandinavia, North Finland and North Russia, so that the English climate has no terror for them so long as they can find food. Waxwings are fruit-eating birds, and you should give it any berries you can procure. Failing wild berries, the bird will do quite well upon grocer's currants as a staple food. Some Waxwings will eat a prepared insectile food, but this should be of a better grade than the kind you mention, and if your bird will take mealworms you should give it half a dozen a day, morning and evening. Currants, however, will be your principal food, and it will not need much except these. There are some hen Waxwings which are scarcely distinguishable from cocks, but generally the hen is duller in colour, and the black on the chin and throat is rusty. The second primary (the first long one) also generally furnishes a guide as to sex. In the cock bird this feather is always slightly tipped with white, but hens generally do not have this white spot. It would be quite safe to turn it into your outdoor aviary, in fact, I think it would be much better than a cage, and as it comes from a cold climate it would be able to stand our winters outdoors.

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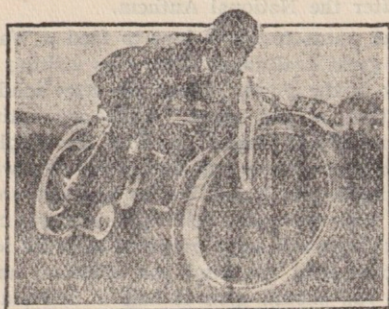


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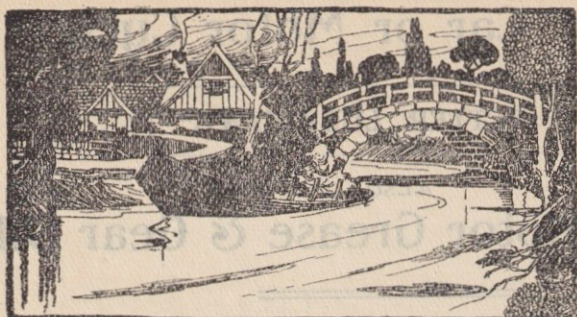


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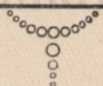
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## Cycling

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## March.

**M**ANY cycling clubs open their season with the advent of the month of March, whilst others await the arrival of April. The first cited course is surely to be commended. The blustering month usually affords many fine days, when riding into the country-side is an unalloyed pleasure. With the evidence around that Spring is awakening, with the fuller joys of Summer to follow, exhilaration of spirit is certain to attach to the exercise, even in greater measure, than will be the case when the landscape is seen at its best, in its high tide of Summer, or Autumnal beauty. The pleasures of anticipation are the cyclist's at this season, the looking forward to days awheel with their attendant joys, and not backward on delights that have gone, as is the case when the evening chill of late Autumn presages the nearing of Winter, with its short hours of daylight, leaden skies and drab out of doors prospect generally.

If the March acts up to its reputation of the most windy month of the twelve, the cyclist, it is true must reckon upon some hard plugging at times in carrying out his or her rides. A stiff Nor-Wester,—head on—for instance, necessitates a fair amount of determination as well as muscular exertion, in say a thirty miles run. But, oh! the joy of the return. Then is the recompense, when sailing with the wind, and stealing over you comes the sense of your advantage, and superiority, over some friends whom you may know, who will be huddling round the fire, at home, and objugating the cold wind of this particular day, or spending some hours of it in the more or less vitiated atmosphere of a picture theatre, and if at the finish of such a sixty mile spin, on reaching your home, you do not experience a sensation of honest content with yourself, the world, and all its people, eat a hearty supper, and on retiring to rest with the bite of that Nor-Wester still tingling in your cheeks, sleep the

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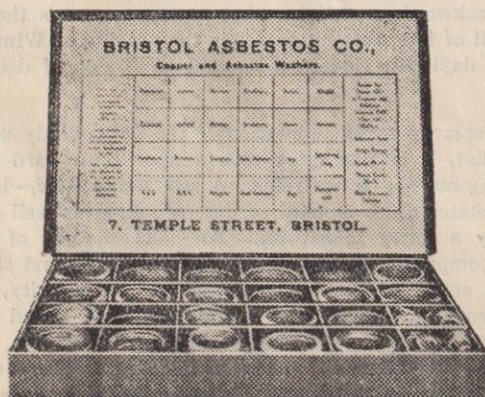
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Easterly, westerly;

Roaring or gustly

Thy winds sure will blow.

My way, in and out,

Roundabout.

Thy roads will be rough enough.

Wet enough,

Dry enough;

Muddy or dusty,

Or slushy with snow.

But, blow thou better,

Blow thou worse,

Who cares a tinker's curse?

A leonine entrance

Thou makest, I trow;

But thou'lt mend thy ramping ways,

Mend with thy speeding days,

And out like an immature mutton

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## Bristol Central Cricket League.

The 10th Annual General Meeting was held on February 8th, at the Central Y.M.C.A., Bristol.

In the absence of Mr. Robert O'Connell, through indisposition, the Chair was taken by Mr. R. H. Seats, who welcomed old and new representatives.

Arising out of the Minutes of previous meeting, the Hon. Secretary reported that the two Whist Drives held last year resulted in a profit of £6 1s. 4d.

Letters from Absentees, expressing inability to attend were read from Messrs. H. Slater Stone, F. Percy Jenkins, H. E. Roslyn, Conrad P. Fry, T. W. H. Inskip, K.C., M.P., F. G. Robinson and A. E. Maggs (Vice-Presidents), and from Messrs. C. W. Edmonds and E. H. Riddle (Umpires).

*Secretary's Report and Balance Sheet.*—In presenting his Report and Balance Sheet, the Secretary thanked all Clubs for their assistance during the past year, and complimented all Clubs on the splendid spirit of sportsmanship prevailing throughout the League.

The Accounts showed Receipts totalling £107 1s. 9d., and Expenses £81 9s. 8d., with a Cash Balance in hand of £25 12s. 1d., as per Balance Sheet herewith.

### BRISTOL CENTRAL CRICKET LEAGUE.

*Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.*

#### GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	EXPENSES.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Entrance Fees	2	15	0				By Medals and						
„ Subscriptions	11	7	6				Engraving...	19	2	6			
„ Fines	0	18	6				Less Medals						
„ Transfer Fees	0	1	0				sold to Clubs	3	5	7			
				15	2	0					15	16	11
„ Donations				4	2	6	„ Postages	2	13	10			
„ Profit from							„ Stationery	2	10	7			
Sale of:—							„ Cheque Book	0	4	0			
Score Sheets	0	16	6				„ Secretary's						
Handbooks	7	13	6				Expenses	0	8	0			
M.C.C. Rules	0	1	3								5	19	5
"Bristol							„ Donations				2	7	0
Sportsman"	1	10	6										
				10	1	9					24	3	4
„ Profit from two							„ Balance in hand				11	14	3
Whist Drives				6	1	4							
„ Guarantee													
Fees forfeited				0	10	0							
				£35	17	7					£35	17	7

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## GUARANTEE FEE ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	EXPENSES.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from							By Deposits refunded ...	1	15	0
1920...	3	0	0				„ Deposits forfeited ...	0	10	0
„ Deposits ...	3	0	0				„ Balance in hand ...	3	15	0
				6	0	0				
				£6	0	0				£6 0 0

## BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	ASSETS.	£	s.	d.
To Balance of							By Cash at Bank ...	22	7	8
Guarantee							„ Cash in hand ...	3	4	5
Fund ...				3	15	0	„ Cup ...	4	10	0
„ Unclaimed							„ Playing and Score			
Balance							Cards on hand ...	2	4	0
due to										
Clubs ...				0	2	9				
„ General										
Fund A/c.:										
Balance 1920	16	14	1							
„ 1921	11	14	3							
				28	8	4				
				£32	6	1				£32 6 1

Audited and found correct,

(Signed) F. PERCY JENKINS, F.C.A.  
Hon. Auditor.

Bristol, 2nd February, 1922.

A Financial comparison alone with season 1909 (the League's initial season) illustrates how the League has grown, for the Balance Sheet for the year showed Receipts £4 3s. 3d. Expenses £3 7s., and Balance in Hand 16s. 3d.

The Balance Sheet for last year having been duly audited by Mr. F. Percy Jenkins, F.C.A.—the League's Honorary Auditor—was approved.

The Honorary Secretary reported that the sum of one pound six shillings—the profit on a Whist Drive held for the purpose—was handed over to the Broadmead Xmas. Parcels Fund for the Poor.

Resignations were received from Redcliffe I. and St. Agnes O.B., from Division I., and from Y.M.C.A., "B" Division III.

Applications for Admission to League were received from St. Werburgh's Church 1st, and Dings (ex-champions) to Division I., both were elected; Redcliffe II. (from Div. 3), and Clifton, St. Andrew's to Division II.—the former were successful; Brookland Jnrs. and Cocoa Tree II. (re-elected), Kingsdown Nomads, St. Werburgh's Church II., C.A.S.C. (Hotwells), and Horfield II. These teams, together with Clifton St.

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Andrew's, were elected to Division III., with the proviso that should a vacancy occur in Division II., Clifton St. Andrew's should fill it.

*Election of Officers.*—The following were unanimously elected to serve for 1922 :—*President*—Mr. A. H. Boxall (3rd year); *Vice-Presidents*—Messrs. H. Slater Stone, G. T. Bryant, W. S. A. Brown, F. Percy Jenkins, F.C.A., C. G. Pinkstone, H. Edwards (London), C. P. Fry, C. V. Wills, F. G. Robinson, R. W. Mitchell, J. T. Francombe, T. W. H. Inskip, K.C., M.P., Percy Steadman, J.P., Rev. J. N. Bateman-Champain, M.A., A. E. Maggs, P. E. Barnes; *Chairman*—Mr. Robert O'Connell; *Vice-Chairmen*—Messrs. R. H. Seats and S. Harding; *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*—Capt. A. W. Gould, 2 Springfield Avenue, Shirehampton; *Assist. Hon. Secretary*—Mr. Geo. Jordan, 4 Worcester Terrace, Clifton; *Honorary Auditor*—Mr. F. Percy Jenkins, F.C.A. (re-elected).

*Votes of Thanks* were accorded the retiring officers for their services during the past year, and to the Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. for allowing the League the use of the building for Headquarters.

*The Next Meeting.*—At 10 o'clock the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, the 22nd February, at 8 p.m.

Mr. Robert O'Connell (Chairman) presided at the Adjourned Tenth Annual Meeting on Wednesday, February 22nd, at the Central Y.M.C.A., when twenty-seven Clubs were represented.

A resumé of the business transacted at the previous meeting having been given, a letter was read from Mr. A. H. Boxall, thanking the League for having re-elected him President.

*Resignations* were tendered and accepted from Cocoa Tree I. (Div. I.), Easton Road U.M., and East Bristol Y.M.C.A. (Div. II.), and College Green Institute II. (Div. III).

*Applications for Admission to League* were received from 66th Brigade R.F.A. (Territorial) to Div. I., Clifton St. Andrew's (from Div. III.), Cocoa Tree I. and St. George (Brandon Hill) to Div. II., Glendale and East Bristol Y.M.C.A. Juniors to Div. III. All were elected to the League.

*Composition of League.*—At present the League comprises 3 Divisions, Division I. with eight Clubs, Division II. with nine, and Division III. with eleven Clubs, thus making 28 in all.

*Parker's Benefit.*—The meeting was honoured with the attendance of Mr. W. G. Tunncliffe, the Secretary of the Gloucestershire County Cricket Club. Having been introduced by the League Chairman, Mr. Tunncliffe congratulated the League on the enthusiasm displayed by the large number of Clubs represented and appealed for the League's kind assistance to help make Parker's benefit the success it deserves. The Parker Benefit Committee have issued collecting cards, which may be obtained from the League Secretary.

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In supporting the County Secretary's appeal, the League Secretary said, he considered it a great honour, that the choice for an important post as that of County Secretary should have fallen on an old League player, for Mr. Tunnicliffe figured in the Fairfield Secondary School team of 1909, when they finished Runners Up to Victoria Wesleyan. He also played in the first League Representative side, when the Church of England League were defeated in 1909.

*Rules Revision.*—A small Committee was chosen to meet on Wednesday, March 1st, at Headquarters to revise Rules.

*Another Adjournment.*—Owing to the very long Agenda, it was found necessary to again adjourn the Annual Meeting until Wednesday, March 8th, at Headquarters.

*Umpires.*—Umpires are badly needed, and any gentlemen who can spare the time and would care to help further the game amongst Junior Clubs, are invited to write to the Hon. Secretary, A. W. Gould, Shirehampton, who will gladly give any information.

The second adjournment of the 10th Annual General Meeting was held at Headquarters on Wednesday, March 8th.

Mr. Robert O'Connell (Chairman) presided over a good attendance.

Letters were read from Messrs. T. W. H. Inskip, K.C., M.P., and Percy Steadman, J.P., accepting re-election as Vice-Presidents.

*Another Resignation.*—Clark's College Sport's Club tendered their resignation from Division II., owing to lack of financial support. This was accepted with regret.

*More New Clubs.*—Four further applications for admission to the League were received, and after hearing the respective representations concerned, all were unanimously elected, viz :—4th Gloster Regt. (T.A.) to Div. I., 6th Gloster Regt. (T.A.) to Div. II., and St. George's Road Mens' Club II. (late College Green Institute II.), and Baptist Mills Y.M.C.A. to Div. III.

*How we now stand.*—The constitution of the League for 1922 is now :—Division I.—9 teams, Division II.—9 teams and Division III.—13 teams.

*Still more Clubs wanted!*—Whilst the 1st and 2nd Divisions are now definitely closed, there is still room for three or four more teams in the 3rd Division, which will be divided into two sections. Application should be made at once to the Secretary, A. W. Gould, Shirehampton.

*Rules.*—The Rules as drafted by the Rules Revision Committee were submitted and discussed at length and finally adopted.

*League Representative Match.*—The Secretary reported that the Downend C.C. had confirmed June 24th as the date on which the League XI. would visit Downend to play the home Club.

*Election of Executive Committee* resulted as follows :—Messrs. C. B. Cox (St. George's Road), R. Cummings (B. Maggs and Co.) and H. C. Luff (Eastville Sports) re-elected together with Capt. W. S. McIntyre

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*Umpires needed.*—The League Secretary again appealed to all Clubs to endeavour to nominate at least one Umpire to the official list. Actual travelling expenses incurred will be allowed.

Any gentlemen willing to help the cause of Junior Cricket by Umpiring are asked to kindly communicate with the League Secretary.

*Making of Fixtures.*—A Special Meeting will be held at H.Q. on Wednesday, 22nd March, for the purpose of allocating teams to the respective Sections of Division III., and for the making of Fixtures, and such other business as may arise. Chair will be taken at 8 p.m. sharp.

Appended are the Final Results and Best Averages during 1921 :—

### FINAL POSITIONS. Season 1921.

#### DIVISION I.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
B. Maggs and Co. ... ..	14	11	2	1	23
Redcliffe I. ... ..	13	10	3	0	20
Kingsland ... ..	14	10	4	0	20
St. Michael's ... ..	14	6	8	0	12
Eastville Sports ... ..	12	5	6	1	11
St. Agnes (O.B.) ... ..	14	5	9	0	10
Y.M.C.A. "A" ... ..	14	5	9	0	10
Clarke's College I. ... ..	13	1	12	0	2

#### DIVISION II.

College Green Institute I. ... ..	14	13	1	0	26
Cocoa Tree I. ... ..	13	10	3	0	20
St. Michael's II. ... ..	14	8	6	0	16
Horfield ... ..	14	7	7	0	14
Clarke's College II. ... ..	14	6	8	0	12
Easton Road Free Methodist ... ..	12	5	7	0	10
St. Mary's, Tyndall's Park ... ..	14	3	11	0	6
Kingsland Congregational ... ..	12	2	10	0	4

#### DIVISION III.

East Bristol Y.M.C.A. ... ..	14	10	3	1	21
St. Saviour's ... ..	14	10	4	0	20
Redcliffe II. ... ..	14	9	4	1	19
Y.M.C.A. "B" ... ..	12	6	6	0	12
Cotham Grove Mission ... ..	13	6	7	0	12
College Green Institute II. ... ..	12	4	8	0	8
Brookland Juniors ... ..	13	4	9	0	8
Cocoa Tree II. ... ..	14	4	10	0	8

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5	Clarke (Maggs & Co.) ...	12	1	38	162	14.72
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7	W. Vosper (E.B. Y.M.C.A.) ...	13	0	33	167	12.84
8	E. J. Wren (Kingsland) ...	14	2	33	150	12.50

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4	A. Bull (E.B. Y.M.C.A.) ...	110	17	64	200	3.125
5	T. Eley (St. Michael's II.) ...	101.1	29	56	176	3.14
6	R. Gregory (Cocoa Tree II.) ...			51	188	3.68
	R. Cousins (Cocoa Tree I.) ...	81.2	15	44	162	3.68
8	P. Waite (Cocoa Tree I.) ...	92.4	29	46	171	3.71
9	E. J. Wren (Kingsland) ...	132	22	62	309	4.98
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### DIVISION 1.

To March 18th, 1922.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
St. Peter's (Bishopsworth) ...	16	13	0	3	65	17	26
St. Werburgh's ... ..	14	12	1	1	61	14	25
St. Mary Redcliffe ... ..	16	8	5	3	42	12	21
Publow and Pensford ... ..	12	10	0	2	48	5	20
St. Nicholas (W.) ... ..	16	9	2	5	42	22	20
St. Thomas (E) ... ..	16	7	3	6	32	38	17
St. Francis ... ..	12	6	0	6	23	27	12
St. Paul's (Bedminster) ... ..	18	5	0	13	22	62	10
St. Barnabas O.B. ... ..	17	3	1	13	16	72	9
Horfield Church ... ..	12	3	0	9	19	43	6
St. Peter's (C.W.) ... ..	19	1	0	18	8	66	2

### DIVISION 2

To March 18th, 1922.

Holy Trinity (B.S.)... ..	15	14	0	1	54	10	28
Wadley End Mission ... ..	16	12	1	3	53	23	25
Holy Trinity (St. Philip's) ... ..	17	8	3	6	21	21	19
St. Anne's (Oldland) ... ..	10	8	1	1	61	8	17
East Compton ... ..	16	7	3	6	29	33	17
Yatton ... ..	13	7	2	4	34	24	16
St. Simon's ... ..	14	7	1	6	30	29	15
St. Nicholas (W.) Res. ... ..	15	4	2	9	14	37	10
St. Silas Y.M.B.C. ... ..	14	3	1	10	17	38	7
St. Mary (R.) Res.... ..	15	3	1	11	19	66	7
Stapleton Church ... ..	17	1	1	15	15	58	3

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**DIVISION 3.**

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	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
St. Saviour's (C.H.) ...	23	19	1	3	110	24	39
St. Luke's (Barton Hill) ...	24	18	1	5	94	28	37
Redcliffe Athletic ...	21	17	0	4	69	19	34
St. Ambrose ...	24	14	2	8	70	54	30
Temple Church ...	22	12	2	8	53	39	26
Christ Church (C. of E.) ...	17	12	0	5	46	21	24
St. Peter's (F.C.) ...	19	8	4	7	40	50	20
Southmead Mission ...	20	7	3	10	51	44	17
St. Cuthbert's ...	20	7	2	11	50	65	16
St. Gabriel's ...	18	7	1	10	39	51	15
St. Andrew's (Avonmouth) ...	19	6	2	11	44	50	14
St. Silas Mission ...	18	5	2	11	29	72	12
St. Lawrence ...	23	5	1	17	25	58	11
Wadley End Mission Res. ...	19	4	0	15	31	82	8
Horfield Church Res. ...	19	0	3	16	9	103	3

Emmanuel Sports Reserves having resigned all records expunged.

**JUNIOR DIVISION.**

To March 18th, 1922.

St. Andrew's Mission ...	24	19	3	2	96	20	41
St. Werburgh's Res. ...	20	20	0	0	111	16	40
All Saints' Scouts (Fishponds) ...	21	14	4	3	56	23	32
Publow and Pensford Juniors ...	17	13	1	3	61	15	27
St. Andrew's (A.) Res. ...	23	10	5	8	52	35	25
St. Cuthbert's Res....	22	10	4	8	59	52	24
St. Dunstan's ...	24	9	6	9	38	35	24
St. Anne's Res. (Oldland) ...	21	9	4	8	36	33	22
Temple Juniors ...	23	7	7	9	43	41	21
St. Stephen's Juniors ...	22	8	2	12	35	59	18
St. Mary's (R.) Juniors ...	23	7	3	13	38	64	17
St. Peter's (Portishead) ...	19	7	2	10	35	56	16
Redcliffe Athletic Res. ...	21	5	2	14	22	56	12
St. Simon's Juniors ...	20	5	1	14	27	56	11
Henbury Church ...	21	4	0	17	24	91	8
St. Peter's (City) ...	25	2	4	19	21	102	8

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Now that the 'flu is apparently "dead," and the longer and brighter days have come, we hope to have heard the last of matches "off." April will be a very full month, and it is important that clubs who are behind with their matches should tick them off without delay. In the case of clubs tying on points for either leading or runners-up position, a deciding match would have to be played. In addition there is the the "Champions v. Rest" matches for League Funds.

### FOR CHARITY'S SAKE.

The takings of some clubs at Charity Section matches have not been enough to pay their expenses. Would it not be possible for them to arrange a "special?" We are anxious to make this venture worth while, from the point of view of helping deserving institutions. Further, claims upon the G.F.A. Benevolent Fund have been heavy, and we would like to call attention to a part of Rule 3 "each affiliated club not having an enclosed ground is requested to make a collection at one match each season or give a subscription." Some have already done so, could not the others fall into line?

### APRIL 3 AND 24.

These are dates of special interest to the Juniors, but scarcely less so to the Seniors. On the former date we play the Junior Section of the Bristol and District League. On the latter that of the Bristol and Suburban. We mention them in conjunction for this reason. There is a large number of players in our Junior Section that well deserve a place in a Representative eleven. Some that are not in on April 3rd may possibly come in on April 24th. It partly depends upon how the chosen for the earlier match acquit themselves. Every one of the eleven is a good lad. That we know. But there is a human element which "tells" on these special occasions, and that is what we call "temperament." Whether the lad possesses that quality or not will probably be disclosed on the Rovers ground. Our advice to one and all is: Try to imagine you are playing an ordinary club game. "Kid" yourselves that the blue shirts of your opponents are the shirts of All Saints' Juniors or St. Michael's, and that the daisies which adorn the playing pitch are those that are springing up on your own particular patch.

### THANKS!

To Councillor W. S. Rudge for the generous offer of a set of medals to the winning team. It will add interest to the game, and induce the lads to go "all out," or rather to "put in" all they know, for it is *Football* that we want to see. Also to the Rovers directors for the use of their ground. May they be rewarded by "spotting" a few likely recruits for, say, season 1925.

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## THE TEAMS.

*Kingswood and District.*—Winstone (Bourne Juniors), Thomas (St. Matthew's), Ettle ("Tabs"), Henderson (Bourne Juniors), Gazzard (St. Matthew's), Doane ("Tabs"), Leonard (Wesley Rangers), Smith (Wesley Rangers), Parrish (Southville), Scott (Bourne Juniors), Allsop (East End). *Reserves*:—Shail (Hanham Baptist), Waite (Wesley Rangers), Fussell ("N.E.")

*Bristol and District.*—Holbrook (Packers Juniors), Chard (Hillside Villa), Penny (Packer's Juniors), Ewins (Victoria Park Juniors), Force (G.P.O. Messengers), Bygrave (Cocoa Tree), Bullock (Victoria Park Juniors), Millar (Brislington Cadets), Hooper (Victoria Park Juniors), Innes (Victoria Park Juniors), Paynes (Victoria Park Juniors).

Referee—Mr. A. F. Davis. K. and D. Linesman—Mr. S. Brain. Team Manager—Mr. F. H. Kitley. Trainer—Mr. Henderson.

## A "TEAM OF PARTS."

It is practically certain that the Championship of the Junior Section will go to Wesley Rangers. With but four matches to play their position at the head of the table is unassailable. It is almost impossible to speak too highly of this club. It is thoroughly well officered. It is supported actively by the officials of the Wesley Memorial U.M. Church, from the Minister downwards. (Probably Mr. Moyle would wish us to say "from the Minister upwards"). As a result of this backing, the team is a model of what a team should be. Their behaviour, both on and off the field, is above reproach. Their play is as the running of a machine well-cleaned and well-oiled. From the diminutive outside left to the more stalwart Capt. Anstey they are all jolly good fellows, and they are sure to be most popular champions.

## WORTHY OF MENTION.

It is not an easy matter to turn out week by week with the practical certainty of defeat staring you in the face. Especially when added to this, one or two players let the others down by failing to turn up at the last moment. This is the unhappy lot of Kensington Villa Juniors, who are making a commendable effort to complete their League programme. Their play deserves better results, and these would certainly accrue if they could place a similar eleven (and a full one) in the field week by week.

The steady rise of All Saints' Juniors and St. Michael's has been most marked, and shows what pluck and perseverance can accomplish. The same remark applies to Hanham Baptist in Div. I. That individual with information "straight from the stables," who was prepared to lay "odds on" the resignation of the Baptist as far back as Christmas, was a long way off the mark. What say you J.S.P.? Their latest success is a goal-less draw with Speedwell.

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The Baptist Juniors are famous as the only team to defeat Wesley Rangers. On March 18 they nearly shared the points in the return match—leading 1—0 at half time, and Wesley scoring the winning goal in the last minute of the game.

#### TOURNAMENT MATTERS.

Entries will positively close on April 8th. No extension can possibly be allowed.

Applications already in, show the area interested to be as far afield as Winterbourne, Westbury-on-Trym and Brislington.

Medals are on show at Messrs. Kitley's, The Stores, Longwell Green.

Tickets are on sale at 6d. each, and each purchaser is in the running for a gift of a silver watch value £2.

Free admission will be allowed to six members per team only. In these days of acute unemployment we do not anticipate that each team can afford its own "Secretary," "Manager," "Trainer," and "Committee."

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Programmes which will be on sale at 2d. each will give all needful information as to draws, time when matches commence, etc.

It is "up to" everyone who has the interest of the League at heart to put their backs into this business, and make it a great success.

#### CONGRATULATIONS.

To All Saint's O.B. on holding a very successful Whist Drive. A most delightful evening was spent.

To Bourne on arranging an excellent Concert under the direction of Mr. Bob Ray. The vocalists were splendid, especially "Miss Hilda," a contralto, who will be heard, and "heard of" again. In "Orange Blossom" Mr. P. W. Griffin, dramatic elocutionist, was seen to advantage.

To all those "indisposed" friends who have recovered from illness, and who have lately been observed on various pitches following their pets.

#### SYMPATHY EXTENDED

To Mr. S. Crocker, the Secretary of the Bristol and Suburban League, who has sustained a heavy loss in the removal of his wife by death. We are conscious of the feebleness of words under such circumstances, but we can assure Mr. Crocker that sincere sympathy is felt toward him by all the officials of our League.

We regret to hear that Noble, of Warmley Reserves sustained a damaged nose in a collision with a player at Brockham Hill on Saturday, March 18, and had to receive medical attention. We trust it will prove less serious than was at first feared.

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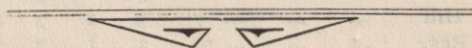
Mr. J. S. Proll has been elected on the League Management Committee. Familiarly known as "Jim," he has done good work in connection with All Sain't O.B., of which club he is Secretary.

Mr. H. Croom has taken over the secretarial duties of Brockham Hill Rangers, and Mr. A. Bodey those of Staple Hill United. A word of thanks is due to Mr. J. Gay and Mr. P. H. G. Smith, the respective resigning secretaries, for the good work they have done in positions, which they are compelled to vacate, owing to pressure of other duties.

Our team of North Common is sometimes referred to as "Popular" Rovers. It is not entirely a misnomer.


One of our Referees is known as the "lad who took the wrong turning," and the visiting player who accompanied him trying to find the ground, is said to have beguiled the time by whistling: "Father lead me lest I stray."

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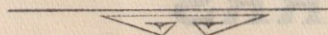
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Speedwell ... ..	15	8	4	3	24	11	20
All Saints' O.B. ... ..	14	9	2	3	37	19	20
Bourne ... ..	13	8	2	3	29	15	18
Brockham Hill Rangers ... ..	13	7	3	3	26	19	17
Poplar Rovers ... ..	15	3	5	7	31	36	11
Kensington Villa ... ..	9	5	0	4	23	17	10
Hopewell Hill ... ..	13	3	2	8	20	34	8
Warmley Res. ... ..	12	2	3	7	7	18	7
Hanham Baptist ... ..	14	2	3	9	16	45	7

## Charity Section Table to March 18th.

All Saints O.B. ... ..	8	6	0	2	26	9	12
Bourne ... ..	7	6	0	1	21	10	12
Speedwell ... ..	8	5	1	2	15	7	11
Brockham Hill Rangers ... ..	9	3	3	3	17	18	9
Poplar Rovers ... ..	10	3	2	5	20	22	8
Hopewell Hill ... ..	7	3	1	3	15	20	7
Warmley Res. ... ..	10	2	1	7	10	20	5
Hanham Baptist ... ..	7	1	0	6	9	27	2

## Junior Section Table to March 18th.

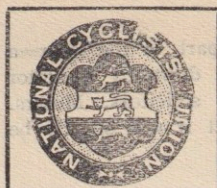
Wesley Rangers ... ..	26	25	0	1	140	26	50
St. Matthew's ... ..	25	20	2	3	133	23	42
Bourne Junrs. ... ..	19	15	1	3	85	28	31
Kingswood North End ... ..	25	14	2	9	90	47	30
Kingswood Congregational ... ..	23	14	2	7	76	60	30
Hanham Baptist Juniors ... ..	22	14	1	7	58	41	29
Poplar Rovers ... ..	24	12	3	9	74	51	27
Cockroad U.M. ... ..	24	10	3	11	79	61	23
East End ... ..	22	10	2	10	58	58	22
All Saints' Juniors ... ..	25	7	4	14	49	105	18
Hanham Tabernacle ... ..	23	7	2	14	53	70	16
Southville ... ..	23	6	3	14	38	69	15
Staple Hill Utd. ... ..	23	7	1	15	37	92	15
St. Michael's ... ..	27	5	2	20	45	124	12
Victoria Juniors ... ..	18	3	1	14	33	71	7
Kensington Villa Juniors... ..	21	1	0	20	22	127	2



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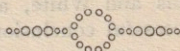
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### Bristol Centre Notes.



#### ANNUAL REPORT, 1921.

*Submitted to the Councillors of the Bristol Centre. The National Cyclists' Union, at the Annual Meeting held at the Headquarters, the "Crown and Dove" Hotel, on Wednesday, February 22nd, 1922.*

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit to you my second Annual Report, and the fortieth of the Centre.

#### AFFILIATED CLUBS.

The number of Clubs affiliated to the Centre during 1921 was 14. It is to be regretted that, owing to lack of support, the Horfield Baptist C.C. and the Adult Schools' C.C. could not be resuscitated this year, while the Gloucester City C.C. did not re-affiliate. On the other hand we have to welcome one new Club—the Swindon Athletic. Club life has been lately at a very low ebb within the Centre area; this fact coupled with the increased affiliation fees which became operative in 1921—although undeniably necessary—no doubt prevented several Clubs approached from at present enjoying the advantages of affiliation.

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS.

The Associate Membership Scheme being dropped in the year under review prevents us, of course, again recording the very satisfactory number of individual members which featured in the 1920 Report. However, the Private Membership has been doubled—the number being 20; we being 7th among 21 Centres in this respect.

#### CENTRE BUSINESS.

The Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 23rd, at the "King David" Hotel, Mandlin Street, at which the Report and Balance Sheet were adopted. Messrs. C. Glenister and J. H. Bessell were elected Auditors, and Mr. Glenister was thanked for his services in this direction during 1920. At the Meeting following the officials were elected.

Three Council Meetings were held during the year and five Meetings of the General Committee; these last being well attended.

Mr. H. G. Hill was appointed Racing Secretary early in 1921; his whole-hearted work and that of our Chairman has contributed greatly to the success of the sport within the Centre.

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## LEGAL CASE.

One legal case was taken up during the latter part of the year—a member of the East Street Baptist C.C. being run down by a motor cyclist; this matter is still in the hands of our solicitors, Messrs. Salisbury, Griffiths and White, and it is hoped that it will shortly be brought to a successful conclusion.

## SPORT IN THE CENTRE.

The season has been a most gratifying one, both as regards the interest evinced in the Centre Championships, the evident desire of sports promoters in general within our territory to run their Meetings under our Rules, and the actual quality of the sport itself on the track.

The Centre Championships promoted as last year were allocated as follows :—

- $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile—Gloucester Constabulary Sports, August 27.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile—Hereford Athletic Club's Sports, August 1.
- 1 mile—Petters (Yeovil) Sports, June 25.
- 5 mile—Frome Branch Workers' Union Sports, August 6.
- 10 mile—Timsbury Carnival Sports, July 16.

An innovation was made in the shape of County Championships also; one and 5 mile Championships being promoted by the Centre for each County within its jurisdiction.

The following were allocated :—

## SOMERSET.

- 1 mile—Petters (Yeovil) Sports, June 25.
- 5 mile—Yeovil Boys' Brigade Cadets Amateur Athletic Sports, June 25.

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

- 1 mile—Douglas Motors, Ltd. Sports, July 23.

## HEREFORDSHIRE.

- 1 mile—Hereford Athletic Club Sports, August 1.

## REINSTATEMENTS AND PERMITS GRANTED.

A pleasing feature of the year's work has been the number of racing men applying for re-instatement to amateur status, and the several permits granted to sports promoting bodies—thus testifying to the renewed interest in the National Cyclists' Union, and to the fact that it is being realized that if the Sport is to flourish successfully it must be run under the Rules of its governing body.

## GENERAL.

During 1921 the Hotel List for inclusion in the N.C.U. Handbook has been revised and brought up-to-date.

On Sunday, July 10 a special Cyclists' Service was arranged under the joint auspices of this Centre and the local Cyclists' Touring Club at Edington (Wilts.) Church, about 40 cyclists being present.

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Efforts have been made to revive the pre-war spirit amongst Clubs and cyclists generally; a special meeting of Secretaries and Delegates of affiliated Clubs being held with this object in view on December 15th. It is hoped that the results of this work may be apparent during the present year—1922.

My thanks are again due to the Committee for their unfailing support during the year; this particularly applies in the case of Messrs. C. Glenister and G. F. Leonard, who at all times have been most ready to assist me in every way possible.

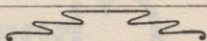
I beg to remain,

Gentlemen,

Faithfully yours,

B. EDWARD KING.

Whilst going to press, the Secretary of the N.C.U. has informed us that the legal case mentioned in the Annual Report appearing above has been successfully concluded, an order in court having been obtained for the payment of damages and costs in full. This speaks well for the local Centre of the N.C.U., this phase of their work being one of the greatest advantages they offer.—Editor.



### Jiu-Jitsu.

"MY JIU-JITSU COMBATS" is the title of an article of more than ordinary interest written by Captain McLaglen, who is not only a famous exponent of the science of jiu-jitsu, but is also the undefeated champion of the world. The April number of the *Wide World Magazine* contains a vivid narrative, which describes how he won his title by beating Japanese champions, who were regarded as invincible in their own special sport. Captain McLaglen has trained police and soldiers all over the Empire in the wonderful art of self-defence, and is also the inventor of the system of bayonet fighting now in use in the British Army. This splendid article will make a great appeal to all lovers of sport.

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### [CONCLUSION.]

*Dr.* I absolutely and unconditionally refuse to do anything so mean and dastardly. I know Miss Noble's mind regarding this lamentable affair, and I know she will never marry you. I make every allowance for your present state of health and your past hardships, but your silence for three years requires a more lucid explanation than you were pleased to enlighten us with, and I should be a spiritless poltroon if I permitted you or any other mortal breathing to coerce the girl I love dearer than my life—in to so unnatural an alliance—I would be a base callous coward if I stood by and allowed you to marry Dorothy Noble against her will. You nearly caused her death eighteen months ago, and by one of those inexplicable turns of the wheel of fortune I had the good luck to save her, and it would be the refinement of cruelty to abandon her now to a fate worse than death, so take your congé like a man—be reasonable—let us be friends and—

*Strange.* I want none of your florid rhetoric—

*(Losing all control of himself—in a paroxysm of rage).*

I want Dorothy Noble and if I cannot have her, Damn me—torture me in gulphs of liquid fire—neither will you.

*(He whips out a revolver. Dr. springs forward grips him by the R. wrist throwing up his hand—charge goes off in ceiling).*

*Dr.* *(The Doctor's sister might come in here)* Wrestling with Strange while the report of the revolver brings Dorothy rushing in breathless with fear and excitement.

*Dr.* Fool—Madman—what would you do?

*Dor.* Good God, what has happened—Oh! monstrous. Oh!—shrieks and drops into a chair.

*Strange.* *(savagely)* Let me go—damn you, let me go.

*Dr.* Give me that shooting iron first.

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*Strange.* (*Struggling—angry—choking*) Oh, you brute—take your hand from my throat.

*Dr.* Let me have the revolver then.

*Strange.* Ah—curse you—ah—

(*Dr. wrestles revolver out of his hand. Strange wriggles himself free—rushes toward door muttering savagely.*)

*Strange.* You have won this time by brute force, but I may checkmate you yet.

*Exit.*

*Dr.* (*Rushes to door—locks it*) My God! what a madman.

(*To Dorothy*) Don't be frightened—it's all over now—

*Dor.* How did it happen?

*Dr.* Oh, very simply—first he was jocular—next unreasonable—then he got mad—Brandy and jealousy, I suppose, and if I hadn't suspected how it all might end, and was on the alert for eventualities I might have had a bullet through—

(*Telephone bell rings. They both start.*)

Dorothy ejaculates, "Oh!" and the Doctor says, "What's that?" in a tragic whisper.

*Dr.* (*Going towards Telephone*) It's only the telephone dear. How nervous you are—Compose yourself Darling—We are quite safe.

(*Speaking in Telephone.*)

Who is there—Oh, it's you Hudson—(*To Dorothy*) It's from the Drug Store, dear. (*Again in 'phone.*)

Well, what is it? prescription No. R.T. 78. Yes—Well—what?  $\frac{1}{2}$  a grain of strychnine—No!  $\frac{1}{32}$  part of a grain you mean. I have the duplicate here on the file (*looks at file*) and it's quite plain  $\frac{1}{32}$ . What—impossible—you must have entered it incorrectly in the day book. What—you were engaged when the man came in? Reid made it up, and the girl entered it and both say it was  $\frac{1}{2}$  a grain quite distinctly. What—you have noticed it only now—Heavens! how careless. It will kill the man first dose. Did he leave his address—No—Go at once to the Hotel Kensington, and if you find him, get the bottle back from him—His name is Strange—Don't waste a moment, but go at once.

(*To Dorothy*) God in Heaven, what's to be done? Strange will be a dead man before we can find out where he is staying and warn him of his danger—He said he would take my medicine but not my advice, and one dose is sufficiently strong to kill a man almost instantaneously. Well, Fate has encompassed me this time in a net there is no escape from. There will be an inquest and post mortem—the bottle analysed—my name on the prescription—verdict, poisoned by Dr. Hunter—motive, jealousy—You will be questioned you and my sister—Must admit that we had an altercation—he had threatened my life with a revolver—and Oh, Heavens—

(*walks up and down distractedly.*)

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What am I coming to—Ruin—desperation—madness—a felon's grave—Death for me and all is over, but you, my darling, what's to become of you? (*Embraces her*).

*Dor.* Oh, what an unlucky girl I am. It's through me this trouble and misfortune has befallen you. Oh, Val, Val, what can I do to save you? I am so stupid and helpless—you are brave and clever—think—think what's to be done.

(*They are startled by a knocking at the door—they gaze speechless at each other—a pause. They breathe audibly. Knocking is louder and more impatient*).

*Dor.* (*In hoarse whisper*) Who can it be?

*Dr.* (*ditto repeato*) God knows! perhaps its Strange come back again.

*Dor.* I hope it may be.

(*Knocking becomes louder and louder. The Dr. who has been standing with his R.H. on Dorothy's L. shoulder since the first knock looking askant at door—hands Dorothy to chair L.C. Then goes to door and shouts*).

*Dr.* Whose there?

*Voice outside.* It's me Doctor.

*Dr.* And who are you?

*Voice.* A Constable—Most paticklar and hurgent business.

*Dr.* It's all up Dorothy—something has happened—May as well let him in.

*Dor.* (*Dragging him towards house door R.*) No—No—slip upstairs—take all the money you have in the house go out by the back door and fly—fly to some place of safety—I will let him in—and—and—keep him in conversation. I'll tell him you were called away to a dangerous case Sh—quick—go—

*Dr.* No Dorothy—showing the white feather would only make matters worse—I'll let him in—(*opens door*).

*Enter Const.* Sorry to trouble you Doctor—(*to Dor.*) Beg pardon Miss (*to Dr.*) Didn't know as you ad a paishunt, but this here is a werry hurgent case. (*Produces Strange's prescription*).

*Const.* This here purscripshun was the only sorse of hidentification as was found on the man wen he was brought to the hospital.

(*Policeman hands him paper*).

*Dr.* (*Eagerly scrutinising script*) Great God in Heaven, how did this occur?

*Const.* I'm sure I could'nt tell you, Sir, has I wurn't there wen it appened.

*Dr.* Dorothy, come here—look at this—(*examines 'script and its duplicate*). There is  $\frac{1}{32}$  of a grain on the one on the file and  $\frac{1}{4}$  a grain on the one that Strange got and gave to the Chemists. How on earth are we to account for such a discrepancy?

*Dor.* (*with both papers*) I can't make it out.

*Dr.* (*To constable*) Is the man dead, constable?

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*Const.* Well, hif he aint, hes mighty near, and I was instructed to fetch you quick afore you got away anyweres, has 'e was sure to die in a hour or so.

*Dr.* Did he make any statement, or was he unconscious when they brought him in?

*Const.* Can't say for certain has they bundled me hoff to fetch you—has the pore—

*Dor.* Thank goodness, I have found it. Quick, quick, look here (*Dr. and Constable go to table R.C. where Dor. is holding book and prescriptions in her hand*) See Doctor, when you wrote this prescription the duplicating carbon paper did not come quite to the edge of the book—Observe you wrote  $1/32$  very near the edge, of course, the first or left hand figure 3 was not transferred and the duplicate you gave to Strange showed only  $\frac{1}{2}$  a grain, so they cannot blame you for the man's death.

*Dr.* Ah! Good! That explains the blunder, but unfortunately, it will not save his life, nor exculpate me. (*To Constable*) Well, Constable, I suppose I had better face the music and go with you. I thank you for the tact and delicacy you have used in handling a very embarrassing situation in the presence of a lady—but you must do your dnty—so arrest me.

*Dor.* No, No, constable—he is innocent—Go and explain to the authorities that we have discovered how the error occurred.

*Const.* Blowed hif I know wot your're talking about, I was told to fetch you Doctor, so has they could hinqure whether you knowed whether the man 'ad hany relatives, has perhaps, they'd like to 'ear he got run hover by a motor bus, and was dyin' in the hospital.

*Dr.* Dorothy!

*Dor.* Val!

*Dr.* Constable, call a cab, quick. We are his only friends, and must see him at once.

*Curtain.*

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## Things we'd like to know.

WHO writes the notes under the name of a Ship's Skipper in a local newspaper?

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What might happen to certain Somerset Clubs if they make application to join Bristol Leagues next season?

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When our clubs in the County of Gloucester will begin to see the straight game pays?

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What players are disappointed because they've been dropped from a well-known East End club?

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What certain B. and D. club having played on a public park are getting a ground for next season?

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And will they drop the A.S. from their name because licensees are interested in their welfare.

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How many C. of E. clubs are entirely composed of players attached to their denomination?

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What player has left his club to play "on the nod" for some one else, and what's his present name?

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What player not good enough for Gloucester, has been chosen to play for a South Wales county?

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What sixth Division Suburban player performs acrobatic stunts at outside left?

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Was he ever at Q.E.H.?

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Who finds "2 small ports" his limit?

\* \* \* \* \*

Can he ascertain correct football results after?

\* \* \* \* \*

Which playing pitch has a seat in the penalty area?

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When asked to apologise, why not do so?

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Isn't it simpler and more sportsmanlike than quibbling?

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Who is the "Star" player in Junior Circle alleged to be over age?

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When will these rumours be investigated?

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Which Senior Club plays the most Juniors?

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And vice-versa.

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## Bristol and Suburban Football League.

### SUBURBAN LEAGUE TABLE GLEANINGS.

BY "LEAGUER."

With barely six weeks to go before the curtain on the present season is finally rung down, the struggles in the various Divisions for Championship, however, is naturally now getting extremely keen and interesting.

The following tables, all matches up to and including those played on March 18th are included, and as we have stated in our previous editions, only our modesty forbids us from saying they are all correct, as far as the Clubs records are concerned. With no fewer than nine Divisions—forming we should say, one of the biggest Leagues numerically, in the country—the task of keeping up the tables, week after week, is no mean task. So if there are any mistakes, I hope that club Hon. Secretaries will promptly drop a post card to the Editor and I know fully well, that he will see that the records are put right for the next issue.

In Divisions 3 and 5, the records are much different from those of last month, because all the matches played by Hilldale United (Division 3) and Lyndale Reserves (Division 5) have been deducted, as those two Clubs having resigned, their records are deleted.

Three of our Clubs :—Victoria Albions (Division 1), Newtown Old Boys (Division III.) and Co-operative Society Guild are still in the happy position of being the only undefeated Clubs in the League, and it really looks as if that trio will maintain their unbeaten certificates. There is an old saying, however, "Between Cup and Lip," etc., which often comes true, so each of those Clubs will do well to bear that in mind, as they, no doubt, will, I feel sure. It is a proud thing to say—"We have lowered their colours for the first time," but it takes some doing.

In Division I. Butler's Ltd. and Victoria Albion, are the only Clubs really interested, and although they are level on points, the Albions have four matches in hand, so "There you are then, there you are!"

Coe, Church and McPherson appear to hold an odds—on chance in the Second Division, as Hanham Villa have had several nasty set backs quite recently.

There is quite a four-cornered fight going on for the honours of the Third Division, but Newtown Old Boys have matches in hand of all the three Clubs ahead of them, so they appear to be the best placed. But their outstanding matches have to be won, and among those games are two with Fishponds Town. More ANON!

The Championship of the Fourth Division will, without doubt, go to Wesley Chapel, Shaftesbury or Longwell Green, but which of that trio will be the Champions, I am not at all certain.

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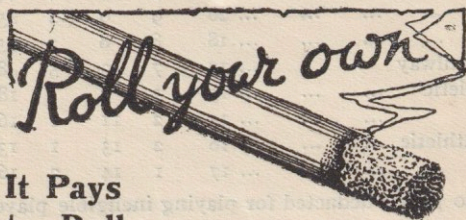


Eastville U.M. occupy the leading position in the Fifth Division, but they have played more matches than the Clubs just below them. They have played seven more than Dings Villa, but only have nine more points. We had better not make a forecast in this Division, at least, not at the present moment.

I do not think that even wild horses could stop Co-operative Guild from running the honours in the Sixth Division, and we can now, at once, write them down as the Champions. There is, however, every prospect of a keen fight for the runners-up position, but somehow or other, I think that will be filled by York House. At the bottom of this Division are Stoates' Mills and Henleaze, two thoroughly sporting Clubs that are real ornaments to the League. Each have had over 100 goals scored against them, but come up smiling for more. They really play for the love of the game.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. S. C. Crocker wishes to thank the many kind friends for their messages of sympathy in his recent bereavement. They were much appreciated, and he is sorry that being so numerous he is unable to acknowledge each individually.



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## DIVISION 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Shirehampton ... ..	20	18	0	2	82	17	38
Avonleigh ... ..	18	15	3	0	67	12	30
Winterbourne ... ..	19	14	5	0	72	29	28
Rechabites ... ..	20	11	8	1	47	37	23
Mangotsfield ... ..	16	11	5	0	63	26	22
East Bristol Y.M.C.A. ...	17	9	6	2	46	36	20
Eastville U.M. ... ..	23	9	13	1	50	67	19
Kingswood Congregational ...	20	7	11	2	40	48	16
Horfield United Juniors ...	20	7	12	1	37	63	15
Wick ... ..	17	6	10	1	31	53	13
St. Werburgh's ... ..	18	4	13	1	17	58	9
Factory Street ... ..	22	3	16	1	24	69	7

## DIVISION 2.

Bedminster Wesleyans ... ..	18	13	2	3	58	19	29
Derhams ... ..	17	11	4	2	69	21	24
University ... ..	18	9	4	5	58	23	23
Avonleigh II. ... ..	17	9	4	4	44	21	22
Dings ... ..	20	9	9	2	45	46	20
Luckwell ... ..	18	8	8	2	35	32	18
*Midland Railway ... ..	15	7	3	5	48	21	17
Ashton Athletic ... ..	15	5	7	3	18	23	13
Park Villa ... ..	14	2	11	1	16	59	5
Newtown Athletic ... ..	16	2	13	1	13	69	5
Rechabites ... ..	17	1	14	2	16	91	4

\*Two points deducted for playing ineligible player.

## DIVISION 3.

Victoria Athletic ... ..	19	15	2	2	73	19	32
Victoria United ... ..	18	15	3	0	70	16	30
Shirehampton ... ..	15	15	0	0	59	11	30
St. Silas ... ..	18	9	5	4	53	24	22
Easton Road U.M. ... ..	18	10	6	2	42	32	22
Luckwell O.B. ... ..	15	6	9	0	34	40	12
Baptist Mills... ..	18	4	13	1	26	57	9
East Bristol Y.M.C.A. ... ..	16	3	11	2	24	52	8
Avonmouth ... ..	16	2	10	4	24	57	8
Langtonians ... ..	17	2	11	4	21	66	8
Mount Tabor ... ..	18	2	13	3	13	55	7

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## DIVISION 4.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Wesley Chapel ... ..	26	21	3	2	86	23	44
Shaftesbury ... ..	26	20	4	2	71	27	42
Longwell Green ... ..	25	17	3	5	59	11	39
Bitton ... ..	26	15	5	6	61	37	36
Ashton Gate Brewery ... ..	23	15	7	1	69	42	31
G.W.R. ... ..	17	10	4	3	45	20	23
Avonmouth Reserves ... ..	23	10	11	2	63	47	22
Bushy Park Wesleyan ... ..	25	9	12	4	41	43	22
Bedminster Victoria ... ..	18	8	6	4	37	23	20
Westbury ... ..	23	7	11	5	35	52	19
Y.M.C.A. Bro. ... ..	23	7	12	4	49	60	18
United Yeast Co. ... ..	25	7	14	4	42	65	18
John Hare & Co. ... ..	25	7	15	3	45	65	17
Berkeley United ... ..	22	7	12	3	30	38	17
Cowlin's Sports ... ..	22	5	14	3	40	64	13
Ashton Avenue ... ..	22	3	14	5	33	59	11
Salem P.M. ... ..	25	0	21	4	19	143	4

## DIVISION 5.

Eastville U.M. ... ..	23	17	4	2	98	24	36
British Petroleum Co. ... ..	20	14	2	4	51	17	32
Parson Street Old Boys Res. ... ..	22	14	4	4	49	33	32
Dings Villa ... ..	16	12	1	3	73	16	27
Bedminster Thistle ... ..	21	12	6	3	46	21	27
Pucklechurch Res ... ..	23	8	10	5	42	51	21
Brislington United Res. ... ..	21	8	10	3	39	34	19
Brecknell's Nomads ... ..	20	8	9	3	35	39	19
Beaumont Athletic ... ..	19	8	10	1	35	43	17
Ravenswood ... ..	21	7	12	2	31	48	16
Bristol East Labour Party ... ..	17	7	9	1	25	41	15
Knowle Athletic ... ..	21	6	13	2	26	73	14
Winterbourne Down Sports Res. ... ..	20	4	11	5	31	43	13
F. Braby & Co. ... ..	21	5	16	0	28	63	10
Castle Green... ..	24	1	19	4	25	97	6

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## DIVISION 6

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Co-op Society Guild ...	26	25	0	1	142	11	51
York House ...	26	17	4	5	94	32	39
Brick Street Mission ...	26	17	5	4	89	28	38
Cadbury Heath Y.M.C.A.	25	15	6	4	63	28	34
Bedminster Wesleyan ...	25	13	5	7	65	24	33
Victoria Rangers ...	23	15	6	2	65	31	32
St. John's Villa Res. ...	23	12	9	2	58	57	26
Dean Villa ...	24	11	10	3	66	47	25
St. Mark's Baptist...	24	11	10	3	57	53	25
Pullin, Thomas & Slade ...	24	10	9	5	48	46	25
Portwall Rangers ...	23	7	13	3	43	75	17
Easton Athletic ...	25	7	15	3	33	65	17
Raleigh United Res. ...	27	6	18	3	39	81	15
Old King Street Wesleyan	22	4	12	6	37	56	14
Y.M.C.A. Brotherhood Res.	22	6	14	2	28	92	14
Henleaze ...	25	3	22	0	20	121	6
Stoates' Mills ...	25	2	22	1	29	128	5

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## Jottings from the Juniors.

Junior players will regret to learn that E. Harding (East Bristol Y.M.) has broken his collar bone. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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What referee sent a very congratulatory letter on the conduct of two of our Junior League teams?

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Whether inter-league matches are really the success anticipated?

Or whether the idea hadn't better be left awhile pending a return to pre-war temperaments.

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What C. of E. club has been exceeding the age limit repeatedly? And are they taking the risk.

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What players were "Cross" over the cancellation of the Merthyr and Suburban League match recently? Or was it a "Lye."

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Is it true Secretary, that West of Avonleigh contemplates getting a private ground next season. Or does he intend having a "pool" with some one else?

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What's the matter with Wedlock of Luckwell fame. Or is he going off his game?

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Why is it the local press don't publish Junior Notes? And will they sit up and take notice.

### DIVISION 1

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Victoria Albions ... ..	17	14	0	3	49	11	31
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Bristol Leather Trades ... ..	19	6	3	10	53	32	22
Lyndale ... ..	19	9	7	3	39	36	21
St. Pancras ... ..	17	8	5	4	47	26	20
Bristol Aero. Co. ... ..	17	8	6	3	39	29	19
Avonmouth ... ..	17	6	6	5	38	22	17
Coalpit Heath ... ..	17	5	6	6	24	33	16
Merrywood United ... ..	17	6	8	3	46	59	15
East Bristol Y.M.C.A. ... ..	18	3	13	2	21	64	8
6th Glo'sters ... ..	18	0	14	4	17	76	4
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Hanham Villa ...	19	13	4	2	50	14	28
Parson Street Old Boys ...	20	14	6	0	52	17	28
Hamilton ...	22	11	5	6	39	37	28
Winterbourne Down Sports ...	20	10	5	5	45	25	25
Brislington United ...	22	11	8	3	44	31	25
Eclipse ...	21	9	9	3	33	32	21
Raleigh United ...	19	8	8	3	44	31	19
Warmley Tower Villa ...	22	6	10	6	38	52	18
Bristol Trams ...	20	5	11	4	33	55	14
R.A.M.C. (T.) ...	23	6	15	2	29	63	14
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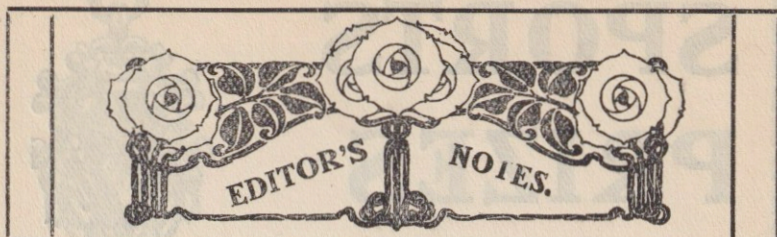
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St. John's Villa ...	16	11	2	3	48	14	25
Langtonians ...	22	10	10	2	44	49	22
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Greenhill Star ...	20	2	16	2	25	75	6
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## Things in General.

By VARIOUS CONTRIBUTORS.

EVIDENTLY one correspondent has a poor impression of our ideas of fairness, as in an article published elsewhere he openly accuses us of suppressing contributions sent for our pages, if they do not happen to agree with official rulings. We can assure the writer that such is not the case, and anyone submitting copy suitable for publication receives the same consideration as any League Secretary, or G.F.A. official. What we mostly receive, however, is abuse of certain referees, accusations of alleged bad decisions, or criticisms of other folk's doings. These are generally couched in words impossible for publication, and containing "facts" which, without verification, would cause serious offence probably quite unjustified, and do no good to anyone.

The article, "Referees again," is a different matter. It simply expresses an opinion, and although the writer himself may be magnifying his own experiences, we print this article because it gives "*somebody else's opinions*." As we have often remarked, it is not for *us* to reply to it, but preferably a club secretary or player.

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That it is not only locally that refereeing is open to criticism, the following paragraph goes to prove that the complaint is universal:—

"A Special Committee of the Football Association suggest that referees should observe the decision of the International Board, with regard to the immediate removal of injured players, and that attention should be called to the improper interpretation of the off-side law, when the player does not play the ball, or interfere with an opponent, or with the play."

Many of us have long been pointing out this "improper interpretation," and it will be for the good of the game if *all* referees will take it to heart.

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Months ago a writer in our pages gave as his opinion, that a vast majority of players and spectators did not trouble to learn the laws of the game. We agreed entirely with his views, and now this same Special Committee recommend :—

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A fairly well-known Club Secretary has sent us his views on “ Ex-Councillor's ” letter in our March issue. He rather agrees with one portion of the letter, complaining that the election of *League* Representatives on the G.F.A. is not representative of the *clubs* themselves, and while not going so far as to advocate re-introducing the old system of nomination and voting at the G.F.A. Annual Meeting, makes a suggestion, which in our opinion, is worthy of publication. This club secretary points out that because a gentleman is Chairman, or some other official of a League, he should not be pitchforked into a position on the G.F.A., and he adds that in one particular League, the election is generally only introduced as a kind of after-thought, just as everybody is getting ready to go home, and states that one year *no one was properly* elected. We, of course, do not vouch for the accuracy of these statements. He, however, mentions some well-known names, sportsmen in every sense of the word, possessing sound common sense, brains and the ability to use them. Men who would be invaluable on the G.F.A., and able to represent “ club ” views. But, he argues, what chance have they at present of election? He advocates that when the constitution of a League has been definitely decided, the *clubs* be asked to send in their G.F.A. nominations *before* the next meeting, and at that meeting the names sent in be given to each club representative to vote *on paper* his choices. When these votes are added up without any influence from League officials, our friend feels assured that some present councillors, fondly imagining themselves indispensable, would have a rude awakening. It certainly seems worth trying.



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## What Others Think.

DEAR SIR,

The writer signing himself "Club Sec." in the February *Sportsman*, knows too much about the G.F.A. to be only a club Secretary. There are very many teams, who have not the faintest notion of the constitution of the County Association. Ask a newly formed club if they are affiliated and you receive looks of blank dismay, and they often think payment of preliminary league expenses covers the affiliation fee. Nobody informs a new club the purposes of the G.F.A., evidently imagining everyone of 16 or 17 knows all about it, yet "Club Sec." blames the *clubs* for not being satisfied, saying they have opportunities at the G.F.A. annual meeting. What an absurdity!!

With most junior clubs at the end of any season, there is a doubt of their continuing as a team, and certainly nobody knows who will be their officers.

To attend the Annual meeting, the affiliation fee must be *paid in advance* for the next season, and that accounts for the small attendances, coupled with the fact, that only those compelled are likely to give up a Summer's evening for a football discussion. One would imagine all clubs had unlimited financial resources, and were managed like professional clubs. Cannot "Club Sec." cast his memory back a few years to when—if ever—he was a secretary, and if so, in those days, although, perhaps donations were plentiful and expenses much lighter, had he even then affiliation fees to throw away in advance?

Why not suggest a sensible idea of allowing the clubs who paid their affiliation fees the first year to attend? After all, it is the report of the past season's work, and the one for which they paid affiliation. The suggestion that "The G.F.A. are a body of men where duty is to control, govern and rule the game, according to *Law in this country*," is good. It is the first time I have ever heard, that football officials had any legal standing whatever. Then, "Having been appointed by their respective leagues," is a bit far-fetched. How much chance would a nominee get of election, if not a league official or their choice?

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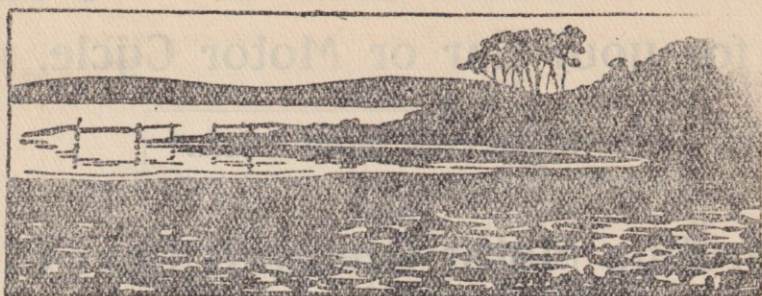
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## “Blate and Bashfu.”

### A HUMOROUS DIALOGUE.

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SANDY—Desperately in love, but bashful.

JEANIE—Weary waiting for Sandy's declaration.

SCENE—Room in a country cottage.

*Enter JEANIE.*

*(Throws herself despondingly on a chair).*

Oh, dear me! What queer cratur's thae men are. Some are owre daft and some are owre sensible—some are owre fast and some are owre slow—I mean slow in popping the question. There's Sandy, noo, he has tauld me a' thing and askit me everything, except when I wad mairry him. It's time he was comin' to the pint, for we've been gaun thegither for mair than five years, an' it's nae fair horny to keep me waitin' a' this time an' a' the ither lasses gettin' mairret an' settled. He is sae blate an' bashfu' he's never offered to kiss me. Weel, if he doesna screw up his courage an' say somethin' the nicht, I'll never—that's his knock at the door as share's ocht— *(rises and goes to door)*. *(Enter Sandy)*—Come in-by—come in-by—I thought it was you chappin' at the door.

SANDY—Did ye? *(Stands nervously.)*

JEANIE—Sit doon, sit doon an' rest ye. *(Sits on chair offered him.)*

SANDY—Thank ye kindly—I'm muckle obleeged to ye. *(Twirls his thumbs and looks vacantly at ceiling.)* Ay, imphim. Just so. It's—it's a fine nicht.

JEANIE—Gracious me. I thocht it was rainin' anld wives an' cats an' dougs.

SANDY—Oh, ay! I min' noo. It is rainin' maist terrible, but it's a gran' nicht for the crops. *(Looks confused)*

JEANIE—Ye're sharely oot yer min'. A' the stooks oot i' the fields 'll be fairly ruined wi' sic awfu' rain.

SANDY—Od, I forgot about the stooks. It's the neeps (turnips) I was thinkin' on. It's a brow nicht for the neeps.

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JEANIE—Ay, an' for the jukes! (ducks).

SANDY (*getting excited*)—Oh, ay, splendid! An' the geese—the geese will be fair daft wi' sic gran' rain.

JEANIE—Ye're the biggest goose ever I saw.

SANDY—Eh! (*Places his hand on his heart, and looks away from Jeanie*).

JEANIE—(*with pretended alarm*)—Dear me, Sandy, hae ye got a pain in yer breast? I'm feart something ails ye.

SANDY—Dinna be feart—dinna be feart—it's only a queerish—a' overish—kin' o' kittle-me-daft painfu' sensation a' roon' about here. (*Makes passes about his heart*.) Oh, Jeanie lass (*sighs*), what am I to dae?

JEANIE—Perhaps ye had better get the doctor to soun' ye, an' see what's the matter.

SANDY—Na, na; it wad be nae use! (*Noo for it, I'll pop the question this time, or die in the attempt*.) Jeanie lass (*sighs*), will ye—wad ye like, eh—Jeanie lassie, I've wonnered—that is—I've wanted to—wanted—eh—

JEANIE—Weel, what hae ye wanted, Sandy?

SANDY (*shifting uneasily in his chair*)—I want to ken if ye wad like me—wad like me to—eh—to grow a beard?

JEANIE (*tossing her head, disappointed*)—Mercy me! What pit that i' yer heid? Weel, judgin' by the heavy growth o' yer moustache, if ye greased yer jaws every nicht wi' a tallow can'le for a year or twa, I hae nae doot ye wad soon raise a braw whisker.

SANDY (*covering his discomfort with a laugh*)—Ha, ha, ha! That's a guid joke Jeanie, wuman—a guid joke. (*Aside—What am I to say next? I'm clean floored noo. Sighs and places his hand on his breast*.) (*Aloud*)—Jeanie lass—eh—we've kent each other a lang time.

JEANIE (*Aside—I hae a feelin' he's gaun to come to the pint noo*.) (*Aloud*)—Ay, mair nor five years, an, I'm feart folk 'll be sayin' I am gettin' an auld maid an' you an auld bachelor.

SANDY—'Deed that's true, an' I—I wad like to—to—eh—

JEANIE—To what, Sandy?

SANDY—To—to—to ken—if ye think—it's—it's—gaun to be a stormy winter. (*Aside—Od, I've missed it again—eh, this is terrible*).

JEANIE (*pettishly*)—I dinna ken, an' I dinna care. (*Aside—Oh, was there ever sic a born stick-i'-the-mud?*) (*Aloud*)—Was that a' ye were thinkin' on?

SANDY—Yes—no—I mean I was thinkin' (*drawing chair nearer Jeanie*) if it wadna be cauld it might be hot.

JEANIE—Het i' the winter time! Yer sharely oot ye're mind—gaun clean gyte.

SANDY—Ye're richt, Jeanie lass; ye're richt. I'm fair daft—off my chump. I henna (I haven't) sleepit a wink for three nichts, for I've somethin' awfu'—somethin' desperate—on my min', an' if I canna mak' a clean breast o't, I'll land i' the Asylum as share's ocht.

JEANIE—Mercy me, what can it be? Ye've sharely no committed murder?

SANDY—Ay, I've murdered—



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JEANIE (*getting up in alarm*)—Murdered! Murdered wha?

SANDY—Sit down, sit down. I've just murdered my ain peace o' min'.

JEANIE—Hech! Is that a? I declare ye brocht my he'rt to my moo'.

SANDY—Eh, Jeanie lass, can ye no help me to—to—help me—

JEANIE (*mockingly*)—Help ye? Help ye to mak' a fule o' yersel'. I never saw sicna a stupid eediot. Gang awa' hame to yer mither, man. I canna be bathered wi' ye.

SANDY—Eh, dinna say that—dinna say that, or I'll—(*sobs*) I'll gang an' droon mysel'; an' what wad my pair mither dae if I was drooned? (*Weeps*) Oh, Jeanie—Jeanie, dinna be sae cruel.

JEANIE—An' what in the world dae ye want me to dae?

SANDY (*still sobbing*)—Can ye no—can ye no smell a rat? Can ye no see what's wrang wi' me? Dae ye no see I'm awfu' bad?

JEANIE—Weel, ye'd better get the doctor, as I told ye.

SANDY—Ye're the only ane can doctor me, Jeanie. Eh, for guidness sake say—say somethin'—say somethin' or I'll burst.

JEANIE (*smiling in a half-sarcastic manner*)—Dae ye want me to propose to ye that—

SANDY (*overjoyed, jumping up excitedly*)—Ay! that's it—that's it noo. Thank guidness I've managed it at last! An' ye'll mairry me, Jeanie? Will ye no?

JEANIE—Ah, weel, Sandy I've been waitin' an' waitin' a' thae years for ye to say something aboot mairrage, sae it's no likely I'll refuse ye noo.

SANDY—An' withoot your help I'm dootin' if ever I could come to the pint. Eh, Jeanie lass, mony an' mony a time I've come up here an' walkit roon' an' roon' the hoose afore I could screw up the courage to come in. Every nicht I made up my mind to speir (ask) ye for my wife, but odsake, I was feart to look at ye, an' my tongue wad kerwhollop, to the roof o' my mou', an' I couldna get oot a word for my life.

JEANIE—Ah, weel, never min', Sandy, the warst is a' owre noo.

SANDY (*looking sheepishly*)—Na, the warst is no a' owre yet. Wad ye, —wad ye no sit on my knee? He-he-he—I wad—I wad like to pree yer bonnie mou' seein' we've got on sae weel the nicht.

JEANIE (*roguishly*)—Na, na, ye dinna deserve it.

SANDY—Hoot awa'; we never get oor deserts in this world, besides, it wad just be a kin' o' practeesin', for I'll hae to dae it afore the minister, ye ken.

JEANIE—Ay, weel, lookin' at in that licht ye may.

SANDY—(*Jumping to his feet, looks unutterable things, wipes and smacks his lips, makes a dash at Jeanie, and endeavours to kiss her*).

JEANIE (*rising and guarding him off*)—Na, na, I couldna alloo it in the licht; just ahint the door afore ye say guid-nicht, when yer gaun awa', an' syne ye can come back the morn an' practeese some mair.

SANDY (*taking her arm*)—I maun be aff, then, Come awa', come awa' an' show me the door till I begin practeesin' at ance. (*Walking towards door*). Eh, Jeanie, lass, this is the happiest moment in my life.

(*Exit talking*).

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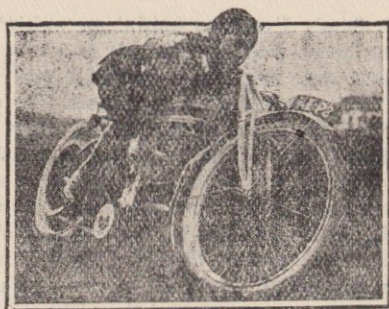


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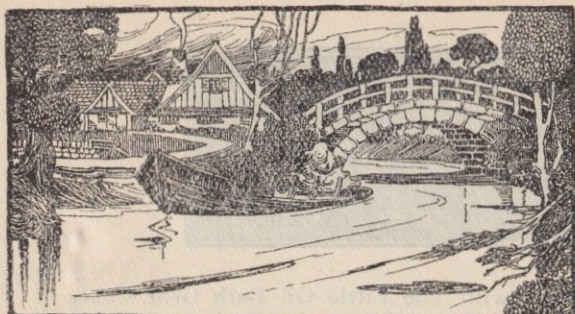


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## Cycling

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### The Sport and Pastime.

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## The Weather of March, 1922.

IN last month's issue of the *Sportsman*, I enthused a title over the pleasure that attaches to cycling in the month of March, and more particularly upon the gratification felt at the end of a day's ride, at this season, with a stiff nor'-wester blowing, the wind abaft for the homeward trip. I ignored, purposely ignored the probable chances of a wind from the East prevailing over most of the month. I couldn't honestly praise the practice of any outdoor exercise—or sport when Old Boreas is blowing from that quarter of the compass. The bitter biting blast, or shall I say, the bitter blasting bite of the East wind seems to shrivel vegetable and animal life alike, and even militates against the enjoyment of that most glorious exercise—Cycling be the day never so bright and the roads never so dry. One may ride at such times, and for awhile, with the wind behind, obtain a certain amount of pleasure in the proceeding, but I think that the extra hardy ones, feel a sense of relief when the ride is over and they get indoors again.

Well, the March of the present year, has given us a plenty of rough weather, and mostly wind from an easterly or nor-easterly direction. Still there have been a fair number of days when riding, with the accompaniment of charm and complete enjoyment, was to be had for the seeking. When there was bright sunshine overhead, and when in places sheltered from the wind, the temperature seemed almost summer-like, I trust the reader was able to take advantage of some of these days, even as the writer found it possible. March came in in its traditional guise of a lion assuaged in the present year, roared away also over the greater portion of its length, to calm down almost into silence in the last week. But now, on the 31st, we are being treated to-day of sleety snow, and the wind is, at the moment of writing (9 p.m. of that date), rising to the

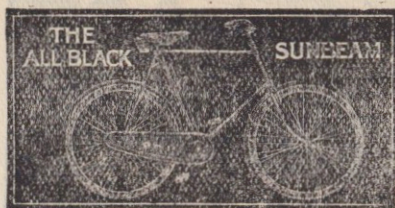
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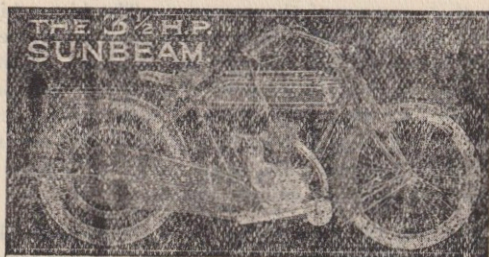
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dimensions of a gale, and the odds are that at midnight March will make lionine exit, even as it entered, and not as it should do in its proverbial lamb-like manner.

P.S.—March went out like a lamb after all, a snow white lamb. It was the heaviest fall in Bristol for years, and next morning increased.

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## The Life of a Bicycle.

**A**T what can one assess the life of a bicycle. Frankly I do not know, I can only marvel that such a light and fragile instrument of steel will stand so many years of wear and weather, with so little in the way of attention or repairs. To the point, a personal experience. One machine which I possessed, I wont say for how many years for fear the cycling advertisers in this journal would cry "shame" upon me, I rode for fifty thousand miles, with no other repairs than replacement of some spokes, and of course, occasional new tyres, and all weather and all roads riding at that. It was a local make, too, and if my memory serves me correctly, the replacement of spokes was in every case necessitated, as a result of some collision with animate or inanimate objects, which intruded themselves in the path my dear old bicycle attempted to take. The last adventure of this sort, which that particular mount of mine engaged in was an encounter with a tram-car. It happened in the

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"Horsefair," Bristol, on the mid-day of a certain Saturday. The tram was crossing our path, the bike's and mine. The tram won, I am sorry to have to write. It caught the bike by the front wheel, and sent the rider clean out of the saddle, and clear of the machine altogether. When I picked myself up, I saw my dear old crock wedged under the "cow-catcher" of the tram-car. The car was backed, and I recovered my machine. Its wheel was twisted a bit out of truth, a couple of spokes were snapped and one pedal pin had rather a rakish angle about it, I discovered. Nevertheless, I gave the wheel a kick or two, tore out the broken spokes pulled the pedal pin into its more correct position, re-mounted the jigger and rode home to dinner. And without any further attention to the machine I during the afternoon of that same Saturday, and the Sunday following covered over a hundred miles upon it.

To complete the story of that particular machine, I shortly after this, decided to go in for a new mount. I sold the old one, which I must admit had now become possessed of a certain wobbliness in progression, for fifteen shillings. It was early in the time of the War, you must know, 1915, before the price of bikes began to soar. The man who purchased it, re-sold the tyres for eleven and six, trued the rims and re-spoked the wheels, re-enamelled the lot and sold it for five pounds ten. And the machine, as I happen to know, is doing service to a young man at the present time.

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### April.

April ; your primrose paths are sweet,  
 Your daffodils and all your bursting buds,  
 Refresh the jaded toiler, and revive  
 Memories of happy childhood when in quest  
 Of your pale blooms we roved the woodland glade,  
 Or sheltered copse, or from the marshy fringe  
 Of meadow streamlet plucked your aureate flowers.  
 Then all the world was new, to youthful eyes,  
 And heart untutored by the sterner thought  
 Of after years, for youth's illusions fail  
 In the clear test of reason, and resolve  
 Naught but a phantom heritage from primal man.  
 Grey care may wait upon our years,  
 And infant joys dissolve in Manhood's grief,  
 But with returning Spring, and April here,  
 Whose heart so seared but he will now rejoice  
 To list the music of the grove, and catch  
 The vibrant gladness from each songster's note  
 To weave afresh the fancies of his childhood's days?

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## Cage Bird Fanciers' Notes.

NOW that the Show Season is over we will now turn to the quiet and, I might say, the silent season, from the breeders point of view. Everything now depends on the success of the next Show Season, and we all start off, like the angler, full of hope and expectation, and perhaps a few words to the Novice just now will not be out of place. Many Novices make the great mistake of buying birds that win them out of the Novice Section in their first year. These birds can very often be bought from the Champion Exhibitor at a fairly good price, he (the Champion) disposes of these birds because they are useless to him to show in Open Competition, they are generally not big enough, but can win in the Novice Section. They are bought by the Novice and wins him out of his section straight away, and he has been forced after his first season into Champion Classes: now comes the rub, he tries to breed his own winners from these birds, but he only gets them too small, and that lets him down against the good "big 'un," and he is faced with the fact that he has to sell up and buy Stock birds at a big figure to breed his own Winners, *you must have size*, you will get small birds even from Stock birds, but the chances are better than from medium-sized birds. Remember, always breed for stock birds, and the winners will take care of themselves.

I will now proceed to give the young fancier an idea of working on a system in his own bird-room, and it is not necessary to have a lot of birds to start with, one good pair of Stock Birds from a reliable breeder will be sufficient. What a fancier wants is to procure two or three common hens and a common cock bird to send them to nest about the same time. The eggs from the common hen you destroy. The way I proceed is to pair up the good hen, and also, at the same time, pair up one of the common hens, then when both sets of eggs are laid you give the good eggs to the common hen, and the common eggs are thrown away. In case both hens have not completed laying eggs on the same day, you allow them to stick to their own eggs until both sets are completed. Then give the good hen a little rest (say, about seven days). This period will have to be varied according to the fancier's opinion, as to whether the hen appears ready for nest-building again. Then in due course the best hen is paired up again, and at the same time one of the common hens, and again repeat the changing of eggs. It will be found that by this process of breeding, you can get the good hen to produce as many as six, or even seven nests of eggs in a single season. Where more than one good hen is used, you, of course, have a proportionate number of common hens to match to start with.

Some fanciers may think that this excessive egg-producing business will disable the hen for any further use as a show bird, or as a fertile hen the next breeding season, but I can assure them that I have had hens

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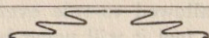
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lay as many as thirty fertile eggs in a single breeding season, and then in due course be in good exhibition form for the show season following. It goes without saying that the hens in question must be well nourished with a good supply of fresh egg-food and green-food. I prefer dandelion.

To conclude, I might say that it is far better to get young off one or two really good pairs, than waste time with attempting to get good birds off a dozen or more inferior pairs, or, what I may term, second raters. The least I can say about this principle of breeding, and of not letting good hens feed, or even sit, on their eggs, is that I have personally had good results from its use when I first started breeding for the show bench, and even now I still use this principle with my best pairs.

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## Referees Again !

WHEN some months ago an article appeared in the *Sportsman* criticising referees I foolishly imagined that, at last, we had found a publication which expressed the views of the majority and not the minority. But my hopes were soon dashed to the ground, as, following a communication from a G.F.A. official the next month, the subject of referees has never since been seriously tackled in the *Sportsman*. Not for one moment can I presume that the Editor has received no further correspondence, so I am reluctantly brought to the conclusion that the official side of football is allowed to rule even in magazines. Although I write this article I rather feel it will never be published, but am taking the risk hoping the impartiality the Editor so frequently boasts about will for once be on my side.

Unfortunately, I have not the previous issues of the *Sportsman* in my possession, but writing from memory I believe the writer on "Referees" mostly dwelt on the professional side, while in reply the G.F.A. official ignored the criticism and contented himself with abuse of the writer. I think there was some suggestion of a debate between two writers, or before the Referees' Association. At any rate, I know it was not suggested that there should be a discussion between referees on the one side, with players and spectators on the other, as if so the Colston Hall would have been of inadequate size.

Now first of all I realise that refereeing is a thankless task, and I also feel satisfied that in pre-war days the vast majority of gentlemen acting as referees did so purely for the love of the game. There were, of course, good, bad and indifferent referees in those days as everyone will admit, but somehow or other things were never so unpleasant then. Even now I am not making accusations against every referee, but since the war the question of £ s. d. has entered too much into the game. I was amused the other day to read that all referees officiated simply for "Sport." I seriously suggest that every League next season passes a rule forbidding payment to referees, and then watch the referees falling over one another to get on the "free list." It may be asked, "Why should a man referee for nothing?" I say, "Why not?" if he officiates solely for "Sport," or his "love of the game." A team losing every match still continues playing for the "love of the game" without demanding payment for their services, yet the losing team is as essential to a League as the winning team. When referees get up at League meetings and openly ask for increased fees, because going to a certain place necessitates buying tea and so they "would make nothing out of it," where is the "love of Sport" in this? So I think, if payment is demanded, the less said about referees and "Sport" the better. As such payment is permitted, we know many are induced to take up re-

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fereeing for that money, and by receiving their 5s. or so they automatically become the *paid servants* or employees of the clubs. Let them bear this in mind. Their work then is to carry out their duties, viz.: seeing the match is played according to the Laws of the Game as laid down by the Football Association, *these laws having only one interpretation*. If they realised this, and did their work conscientiously there would be no trouble. But what generally happens is that certain referees behave primarily as if they were conferring a favour by officiating at all. Appointed to some authority for the only time in their existence, they take full advantage and endeavour to show their temporary power. Then once a game commences, the players are treated as if they were a lot of schoolboys. The worst offenders are those who occupy insignificant positions in everyday life. It is certainly elevating to be dictated to by a person using continuously the words "thee," "thou," "bism't," "cas'nt," etc. While murdering the King's English, everytime they speak they try to act the schoolmaster. If a team has a rowdy set of supporters they base decisions on the crowd's appeal. Their minds and eyesight are hopelessly too untrained to give quick decisions, consequently their offside verdicts are absurd, and they give frees and penalties for purely unintentional hands or fouls, and fail to see really dirty play. Get a team of rough hooligans playing filthy football, and they allow them miles of rope, but let a youngster or a gentlemanly looking player foul, and he is immediately threatened with being "sent off." Comrades in the same team are even cautioned for joking amongst themselves, while a country team playing at home with good local support are assured of victory.

If there is a thorough good sportsman "on the line" who, of course, is there for his club's sake *without payment*—this class of referee takes good care to belittle him by reversing "outside" decisions. How they pass the referee's examination in the first place is beyond me, for their ruling on "offside" is in nine cases out of ten based on where the player is when he reaches the ball (fast players are hopelessly handicapped in this way). They are so clever they can give decisions on what happens behind their backs—again it is amusing to read in the *Sportsman* of referees only giving what they see!!! When the match is over they start justifying their errors, generally finding themselves in a hopeless muddle. With their fees they claim expenses, a man who has walked or cycled usually asks the most, while others work out the fares from their doors to the ground, not recognising a minutes walk if it means another 2d. or so. Expenses, not what they incur actually, but what extravagantly they might.

To cap all, whatever they do receives official backing—they must be treated as tin gods, wrapped in cotton wool bowed down to and worshipped—for they are all powerful. In this case the man who pays the piper does *not* call the tune.

So what is happening? Players of good education or holding responsible positions in Civil life can hardly be expected to undergo bullying

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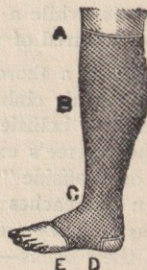
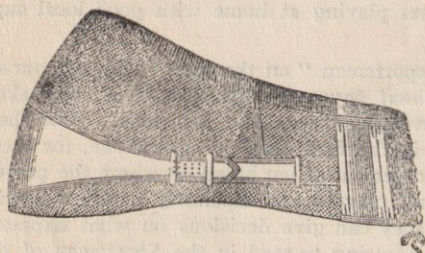
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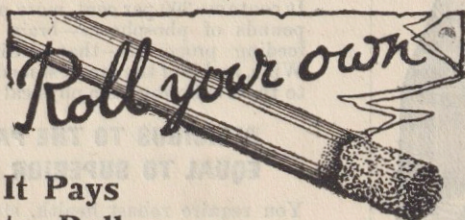
from the errand boy stamp of referee (this is not war time now), especially when the latter, *although in the wrong* has the power to mete out punishment. The player has no mode of redress, decisions by the referee are final, even if not based on fact. Consequently as fast as this class of referee intrudes into Soccer, so does the better class of player desert it. Rugby is fast gaining power, and £ s. d. in the soccer world is hastening its ultimate triumph. Meanwhile those gentlemen who *do* referee and help soccer, for the love of the game—and I know many who do—are quite incorrectly included with those who do not.

Someday someone will wake up to this fact and wish that "Sport" had been the subject of Referees discussions and not "Scales of Fees."

R.M.B.C.

Captain.

P.S.—Since writing the above, I learn that referees can now interfere—with official sanction—should a player under suspension happen to be playing. True British Liberty.



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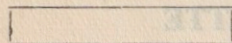
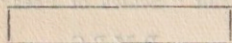
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If it's true the pitch markers at Eastville and elsewhere are paying Income Tax?

Whether some players prefer playing for their Leagues rather than the County? And why?

Whether all referees are blessed with heavenly next door neighbours? Or are they unearthly?

If it's true a certain local pro. club are seeking election to the Downs' League for next season?

Who publishes that local paper, "Who's Who" in Bristol, and whether "Half Back" is a friend (?) of the Editor?

How many clubs in Bristol can boast of having all their members in work?

Whether referees "may" ask for a reduction in fees next season to help clubs who are struggling?

If it's all Wright when the Suburban League go for an outing, and have you ever seen him blush?

What official whispered words of advice to players in that match against Dursley, at Thornbury?

If it's true the Dursley League are bent on getting more men in the County XI. They certainly have them.

Is it true that the York House F.C. are producing a drama?

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Which is the League club, rumour says, is run by their League?

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Is it only envy?

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Has any club signed special players for a particular game?

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If so, why does their League permit it?

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Are mid-week championship games won by this extra talent devoid of sportsmanship?

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How many new teams are invented for special purposes?

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Is it fair opposition to properly constituted clubs?

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What does the G.F.A. say about it?

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Why this "open secret" took so long developing?

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Does the playing of ineligible men really matter?

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Or is pretended ignorance sufficient justification?

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Are medals won thusly worth bragging about?

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If the same punishment ought not to have been meted out to both clubs?

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Which referee gives off-side from goal-kicks?

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And another from throws-in?

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Are these Tournament specialities?

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Is there any chance of that Inter-League Board?

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Is it not badly wanted by the clubs, if not by certain Leagues?

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Wouldn't players, so say giving up football, but slyly playing elsewhere, be handicapped?

Is there a club Treasurer who would not welcome unpaid subs having to be paid before they transferred?

Is medal hunting encouraged?

What particular judges of talent chooses the leagues' representative XI's?

Are not the selections generally open to ridicule?


And don't the deluded spectators thank the selectors?

For what reason a Bristol referee took a return ticket from Bristol and on the return journey booked again?

Was the additional expenditure incurred a small one?

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Butler's Ltd. ... ..	24	15	4	5	87	30	35
Victoria Albions ... ..	19	16	0	3	54	12	35
Ashton City ... ..	21	13	4	4	55	28	30
Bristol Aero. Co. ... ..	21	11	6	4	49	34	26
Coalpit Heath ... ..	22	9	7	6	33	44	24
Avonmouth ... ..	22	8	7	7	46	29	23
Bristol Leather Trades ... ..	20	6	4	10	53	34	22
Lyndale ... ..	22	9	10	3	43	44	21
St. Pancras ... ..	20	8	8	4	51	39	20
Merrywood United ... ..	20	7	10	3	56	66	17
East Bristol Y.M.C.A. ... ..	22	5	14	3	27	70	13
6th Glo'sters ... ..	19	0	15	4	17	78	4
Horfield United ... ..	19	1	17	1	22	72	3

### DIVISION 2

Coe, Church & McPherson ... ..	25	22	1	2	91	16	46
Hanham Villa ... ..	24	18	4	2	70	17	38
Parson Street Old Boys ... ..	23	17	6	0	65	19	34
Redfield Brotherhood ... ..	24	15	7	2	47	30	32
Winterbourne Down Sports ... ..	23	12	6	5	51	30	29
Brislington United ... ..	25	12	9	4	51	37	28
Hamilton ... ..	25	11	8	6	43	49	28
Eclipse ... ..	25	11	10	4	50	39	26
Raleigh United ... ..	24	9	10	5	49	38	23
Warmley Tower Villa ... ..	25	8	10	7	45	54	23
Bristol Trams ... ..	25	6	14	5	41	73	17
R.A.M.C. (T.) ... ..	25	6	17	2	29	66	14
Iron Acton and Yate ... ..	25	5	17	3	31	54	13
Avonclift ... ..	23	4	18	1	20	77	9
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## DIVISION 3.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Pucklechurch ...	27	22	4	1	91	24	45
Newtown Old Boys...	22	18	0	4	90	12	40
Redding United ...	25	17	2	6	77	32	40
Fishponds Town ...	23	18	2	3	91	16	39
St. John's Villa ...	19	12	3	4	49	16	28
Ashton City Res. ...	22	11	7	4	63	48	26
Langtonians ...	26	10	13	3	50	64	23
Dean Lane ...	22	10	10	2	42	45	22
St. Joseph's ...	21	8	9	4	40	50	20
Owen Street Mission ...	24	4	13	7	43	56	15
Winterbourne Villa ...	21	5	13	3	30	72	13
St. Pancras Res. ...	21	4	14	3	38	54	11
Greenhill Star ...	22	3	17	2	27	78	8
Bedminster Dominicans ...	21	2	17	2	21	73	6
6th Glo'sters Res. ...	26	2	22	2	20	131	6

## DIVISION 4.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Wesley Chapel ...	30	24	4	2	95	25	50
Shaftesbury ...	28	21	5	2	76	32	44
Longwell Green ...	28	19	4	5	68	13	43
Ashton Gate Brewery ...	29	21	7	1	92	48	43
Bitton ...	29	16	7	6	65	43	38
Bedminster Victoria ...	24	11	8	5	46	28	27
G.W.R. ...	21	11	7	3	51	31	25
Avonmouth Reserves ...	23	10	11	2	63	47	22
Y.M.C.A. Bro. ...	26	9	13	4	56	64	22
Bushy Park Wesleyan ...	26	9	13	4	41	50	22
John Hare & Co. ...	29	9	17	3	49	73	21
United Yeast Co. ...	29	8	16	5	46	67	21
Westbury ...	26	8	13	5	41	57	21
Berkeley United ...	25	8	14	3	33	45	19
Cowlin's Sports ...	26	6	17	3	42	74	15
Ashton Avenue ...	24	4	15	5	39	64	13
Salem P.M. ...	29	1	24	4	26	160	6

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## DIVISION 5.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Eastville U.M. ... ..	26	19	4	3	106	26	41
Dings Villa ... ..	23	18	1	4	97	22	40
British Petroleum Co. ...	24	17	2	5	61	18	39
Bedminster Thistle ... ..	25	17	5	3	59	23	37
Parson Street Old Boys Res.	24	15	4	5	55	37	35
Pucklechurch Res. ... ..	24	9	10	5	44	52	23
Brislington United Res. ...	23	8	12	3	39	38	19
Beaumont Athletic ... ..	22	9	12	1	41	50	19
Brecknell's Nomads ... ..	24	8	13	3	36	57	19
Winterbourne Down Sports Res.	25	6	14	5	41	54	17
Knowle Athletic ... ..	24	7	15	2	34	83	16
Ravenswood ... ..	24	7	15	2	31	56	16
Bristol East Labour Party ...	21	7	13	1	29	52	15
F. Braby & Co. ... ..	23	6	17	0	32	66	12
Castle Green... ..	26	1	21	4	27	106	6

## DIVISION 6

Co-op Society Guild ... ..	29	28	0	1	155	11	57
York House ... ..	30	20	5	5	100	38	45
Victoria Rangers ... ..	29	21	6	2	85	34	44
Brick Street Mission ... ..	29	19	5	5	102	31	43
Cadbury Heath Y.M.C.A. ...	30	17	8	5	70	34	39
Bedminster Wesleyan ... ..	28	14	6	8	69	27	36
St. John's Villa Res. ... ..	27	15	10	2	71	62	32
Dean Villa ... ..	28	13	10	5	79	52	31
Pullin, Thomas & Slade ...	28	12	11	5	51	52	29
St. Mark's Baptist... ..	29	11	14	4	63	74	26
Easton Athletic ... ..	30	9	17	4	42	72	22
Raleigh United Res. ... ..	31	8	20	3	46	87	19
Old King Street Wesleyan ...	27	6	15	6	46	67	18
Portwall Rangers ... ..	27	7	16	4	46	85	18
Y.M.C.A. Brotherhood Res. ...	27	7	18	2	34	110	16
Henleaze ... ..	29	3	25	1	26	137	7
Stoates' Mills ... ..	28	2	24	2	31	139	6

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### THE ELITE.

It was a select company that gathered on the Hanham Athletic ground on Easter Monday morning, to see Wesley Rangers play the "Rest" of the Junior Section. Quite apart from the game (which was always interesting, and which was won by Wesley by the only goal scored), friends took the opportunity of indulging in a handshake and a chat. Staid fathers were there with their wives and daughters. The young men had brought their sweethearts, and there were others who had scarcely reached that stage, but who were just learning to give each other the "glad eye." Altogether it was a happy time.

### SEVENTY-SEVEN CASUALTIES.

Don't be alarmed. It isn't quite so bad as it sounds. That is the sum total of wounds sustained by the Wesley Rangers team during this season. Of course some of them have been slight, but they have all required at least twice dressing. Yet the Rangers have been able to put the same team in the field more frequently, perhaps, than any other club in the League. This is in no small measure due to the attention given them by Mr. Horewood, a gentleman, who has received specific training in "First Aid," and, therefore, understands what is required.

### GRATITUDE.

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#### "TOP-NOTCHERS."

As already indicated the Champions of the Junior Section is Wesley Rangers. The runners-up, St. Matthew's. Well done St. Matthew's, their play has been consistently good, and their goal average is even slightly better than that of Wesley.

By defeating Bourne on Easter Monday, All Saints' O.B. have secured leading position in Div. I. Congratulations to the Saints'. Honours have been deservedly won.

The "whippers-in" in this division have not yet been ascertained, and three clubs are more or less interested, and their chances are just about equal.

#### PARS.

Tommy Jones, the diminutive outside-left, of Wesley Rangers would probably weigh about six stone. In a recent match he was shaken up by rather a heavy charge. In the dressing-room afterward, the guilty one, by way of explanation, we presume, said: "Ah, Tommy, if you hadn't used your weight on me, I shouldn't have done it."

At the Tournament, one of our officials, who usually smokes a pipe, sported a cigar, and he was so "bucked" that he nearly forgot his job.

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	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
All Saints' O.B. ... ..	16	11	2	3	44	21	24
Bourne ... ..	16	10	2	4	35	17	22
Speedwell ... ..	15	8	4	3	24	11	20
Brockham Hill Rangers ...	15	8	3	4	30	24	19
Kensington Villa ... ..	12	7	0	5	30	25	14
Poplar Rovers ... ..	15	3	5	7	31	36	11
Hopewell Hill ... ..	15	4	2	9	23	37	10
Hanham Baptist ... ..	16	3	3	10	22	50	9
Warmley Res. ... ..	16	2	3	11	13	30	7

## Charity Section to April 19th (inclusive).

All Saints O.B. ... ..	11	9	0	2	41	10	18
Bourne ... ..	10	7	1	2	30	18	15
Speedwell ... ..	10	5	2	3	17	13	12
Brockham Hill Rangers ...	10	4	3	3	22	19	11
Hopewell Hill ... ..	9	4	2	3	20	23	10
Poplar Rovers ... ..	12	3	3	6	24	28	9
Warmley Res. ... ..	10	2	1	7	10	20	5
Hanham Baptist ... ..	10	1	0	9	10	43	2

## Junior Section Table to April 19th (inclusive).

Wesley Rangers ... ..	29	28	0	1	151	29	56
St. Matthew's ... ..	29	24	2	3	151	27	50
Kingswood North End ...	28	16	2	10	100	49	34
Hanham Baptist Juniors ...	25	16	2	7	66	47	34
Kingswood Congregational ...	25	16	2	7	86	65	34
Bourne Junrs. ... ..	22	16	1	5	93	34	33
Poplar Rovers ... ..	27	14	3	10	82	55	31
Cockroad U.M. ... ..	28	10	5	13	84	75	25
East End ... ..	26	11	3	12	65	67	25
Hanham Tabernacle ... ..	28	9	3	16	64	85	21
All Saints' Juniors ... ..	27	8	4	15	52	107	20
Staple Hill Utd. ... ..	26	7	2	17	39	100	16
Southville ... ..	24	6	3	15	38	70	15
St. Michael's ... ..	29	5	2	22	49	132	12
Victoria Juniors ... ..	23	5	1	17	46	91	11
Kensington Villa Juniors...	25	1	0	24	22	139	2

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JUNIOR DIVISION TABLES up to April 22nd.

**DIVISION 1.**

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Shirehampton ... ..	20	17	1	2	67	20	36
Avonleigh ... ..	20	17	3	0	73	13	34
Winterbourne ... ..	20	13	6	1	66	34	27
East Bristol Y.M.C.A. ... ..	20	12	6	2	56	37	26
Rechabites ... ..	21	12	8	1	46	40	25
Mangotsfield ... ..	18	9	9	0	51	38	18
Kingswood Congregational ... ..	21	8	11	2	42	49	18
Eastville U.M. ... ..	21	7	13	1	41	63	15
Horfield United Juniors ... ..	21	7	13	1	38	66	15
Wick ... ..	18	5	11	2	33	57	12
Factory Street ... ..	22	4	17	1	29	74	9
St. Werburgh's ... ..	18	3	14	1	15	69	7

**DIVISION 2.**

Bedminster Wesleyans ... ..	20	15	2	3	69	20	33
Derhams ... ..	20	12	4	4	75	26	28
University ... ..	19	10	4	5	59	23	25
*Midland Railway ... ..	19	10	3	6	63	28	24
Avonleigh II. ... ..	17	9	4	4	44	21	22
Dings ... ..	20	9	9	2	45	46	20
Luckwell ... ..	19	8	9	2	37	36	18
Ashton Athletic ... ..	17	5	8	4	19	25	14
Park Villa ... ..	17	2	13	2	18	67	6
Newtown Athletic ... ..	18	2	14	2	16	73	6
Rechabites ... ..	19	1	16	2	19	102	4

\*Two points deducted, ineligible.

**DIVISION 3.**

Shirehampton .. ..	17	17	0	0	65	11	34
Victoria Athletic ... ..	19	15	2	2	63	19	32
Victoria United ... ..	18	15	3	0	70	16	30
Easton Road U.M. ... ..	20	11	7	2	46	34	24
St. Silas ... ..	19	9	6	4	53	24	22
Luckwell O.B. ... ..	17	7	9	1	42	42	15
Baptist Mills... ..	20	5	13	2	27	57	12
East Bristol Y.M.C.A. ... ..	18	4	12	2	27	61	10
Langtonians ... ..	18	2	11	5	23	68	9
Avonmouth ... ..	19	2	13	4	27	69	8
Mount Tabor ... ..	20	2	14	4	13	56	8

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During the two and a half years the Rev. T. S. Dawson, M.A. has occupied the Chairmanship of our League, he has become exceedingly popular amongst both officers and representatives and deservedly so, for it would be impossible to have found a gentleman who could have more ably filled the breach caused by our Founder's (Rev. H. P. Rolfe) removal, than he has done. It was, therefore, not surprising that at the first meeting of the League Committee, held after the news had become known, that he would shortly be leaving us, that there was one of the largest attendances of the season. Immediately after the usual opening Office, the Chairman made his statement. He said, as most of them were aware, he had accepted a living at Minehead. He need hardly say, it was with great regret, that he should leave them because they had always so well supported him. He was making the change owing to health. He had been working really too hard with Parochial Work, Infirmary Work, and other organizations, in addition to the League. He was threatened with a big breakdown, unless he sacrificed some of the work. He, therefore, when the offer of this living came along, decided to accept. The population of the new Parish was only 500, although it contained two churches, and he should be pretty busy on Sundays, but he hoped to get some rest, which he hoped would restore him to health. Three years seemed to be about the duration of his stay anywhere, and perhaps after restoration to health, he might some time return to this City and Diocese. At any rate, he would always follow with interest their doings. The hope had been expressed by many that the Sportsman Service, which was so successful last year, should be repeated, and in view of his departure early in May, in conjunction with the Secretary, they had fixed St. George's Day, April 23rd, as the date of the service. Mr. E. W. Avery, Hon. Secretary, on behalf of the League, expressed their regret at the departure of the Chairman, and speaking as a Parishioner said, the loss would be even greater. Mr. A. W. Wildgoose moved that the Chairman, in conjunction with the Rev. D. G. McPherson, seek a suitable person as Chairman. It had always been the prerogative of the retiring Chairman to nominate his successor, and he felt sure that the Chairman and Rev. D. G. McPherson would find a suitable person. Indeed, he did not think they would find much difficulty. Mr. R. W. Pitt (Hon. Treasurer) seconded the motion, which was carried. Mr. A. W. Wildgoose brought forward the question of the War Memorial Cup. He said, soon after the formation of the Junior Division two years ago, it was decided to have a cup as a memorial to their departed comrades. Twice they had been offered one, but each time there had been disappointment, owing to unfortunate reasons. The season was far advanced, but it was not too late even for them to procure a decent cup for the season, providing they put their backs into it, for he felt sure, with the proceeds of the collection at the Sportsman's Service, and at one or two of their League meetings, sufficient funds would be forthcoming. Mr. E. W. Avery (Hon. Secretary) in seconding said, he too should be extremely

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glad if we could obtain the cup before the end of the season. The Resolution, that a Fund be opened for the purchase of a cup, was carried unanimously. Upon the Chairman's table at the next League Meeting was a splendid Silver Cup, suitably engraved with a wreath of Laurels, and an inscription, that it is to the memory of the League fallen heroes. In a brief statement the Chairman, Rev. T. S. Dawson, M.A. said, after their discussion at the last meeting, an opportunity occurred for the Trustees to procure the Cup before them. He felt sure, with the collections at the meetings and at the Sportsman's Service, with a few subscriptions, the Cup Fund would be cleared from debt. The Cup would be dedicated at the Service on St. George's Day, at the Sportsman's Service.

The Sportsman's Service was held at St. Paul's, Portland Square, on April 23rd. There was a good attendance, all the Local League's and Gloucestershire Football Association being represented. Evensong was sung by Rev. Hatherly Jones (St. Michael's, Bedminster), one of the League Vice-Chairmen, and other Clergy in the Choir Stalls were Rev. R. K. Paget (St. Mary, Redcliff) and Rev. W. N. Dawson, M.A. (Temple). Prior to the Sermon, the War Memorial Cup was dedicated to the Glory of God and the memory of the members of the League, who had fallen in the War, by the Rev. T. S. Dawson, M.A., League Chairman; after which the hymn, "How Bright these Glorious Spirits Shine," was sung. The lesson was read by Mr. H. Slater Stone (Senior Vice-President). The address by the Chairman will be published in extensive next month.

TABLES UP TO APRIL 22nd, 1922.

#### DIVISION 1.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
St. Werburgh's ... ..	15	12	1	2	62	16	25
St. Peter's (Bishopsworth) ...	16	13	0	3	64	19	26
Publow and Pensford ... ..	15	12	1	2	53	7	25
St. Mary Redcliffe ... ..	18	8	5	5	37	21	21
St. Thomas (E) ... ..	18	9	4	5	39	35	22
St. Nicholas (W.) ... ..	16	7	2	7	38	32	16
St. Francis ... ..	13	6	0	7	22	28	12
St. Paul's (Bedminster) ... ..	17	4	0	13	18	60	8
St. Barnabas O.B. ... ..	16	3	1	12	16	68	7
St. Peter's (C.W.) ... ..	18	0	0	18	5	68	0

Horfield Church resigned, all records deleted.

#### DIVISION 2.

Holy Trinity (B.S.)... ..	19	17	0	2	66	12	34
St. Anne's (Oldland) ... ..	16	13	1	2	87	14	27
Wadley End Mission ... ..	18	14	1	3	57	23	29
Holy Trinity (St. Philip's) ...	18	8	3	7	23	26	19
St. Simon's ... ..	17	9	1	7	36	34	19
East Compton ... ..	19	7	4	8	29	40	18
Yatton ... ..	16	7	3	6	36	31	17
St. Nicholas (W.) Res. ... ..	18	5	2	11	17	44	12
St. Silas Y.M.B.C. ... ..	17	4	1	12	20	44	9
St. Mary (R.) Res.... ..	18	4	1	13	24	73	9
Stapleton Church ... ..	20	1	1	18	20	74	3

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## DIVISION 3.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
St. Saviour's (C.H.) ...	25	21	1	3	118	24	43
St. Luke's (Barton Hill) ...	27	21	1	5	107	32	43
Redcliffe Athletic ...	24	19	1	4	79	21	39
St. Ambrose ...	28	15	3	10	76	57	33
Temple Church ...	26	13	4	9	56	41	30
Christ Church (C. of E.) ...	22	15	1	6	53	25	31
St. Peter's (F.C.) ...	26	12	5	9	61	67	29
Southmead Mission ...	25	10	4	11	71	52	24
St. Cuthbert's ...	24	7	4	13	53	83	18
St. Andrew's (Avonmouth) ...	22	7	3	12	49	55	17
St. Gabriel's ...	21	8	2	11	46	55	18
St. Lawrence ...	25	6	2	17	28	58	14
St. Silas Mission ...	24	5	3	16	30	93	13
Wadley End Mission Res. ...	23	5	1	17	35	87	11
Horfield Church Res. ...	24	0	3	21	12	126	3

## JUNIOR DIVISION.

St. Werburgh's Res. ...	25	24	1	0	119	20	49
St. Andrew's Mission ...	26	20	3	3	111	22	43
All Saints' Scouts (Fishponds) ...	24	14	5	5	60	30	33
Publow and Pensford Juniors ...	21	15	2	4	70	18	32
St. Dunstan's ...	29	12	8	9	50	35	32
St. Andrew's (A.) Res. ...	27	12	6	9	63	42	30
St. Cuthbert's Res. ...	25	11	6	8	63	55	28
St. Anne's Res. (Oldland) ...	24	11	4	9	54	36	26
Temple Juniors ...	27	9	7	11	53	47	25
St. Mary's (R.) Juniors ...	26	8	4	14	40	68	20
St. Stephen's Juniors ...	22	8	2	12	35	62	18
St. Peter's (Portishead) ...	24	7	3	14	38	77	17
St. Simon's Juniors ...	23	7	1	15	33	59	15
Redcliffe Athletic Res. ...	25	6	2	17	25	68	14
Henbury Church ...	23	4	0	19	26	105	8
St. Peter's (City) ...	29	3	4	22	27	116	10

**Easter Tuesday, April 18th, 1922, at Stonehouse.**

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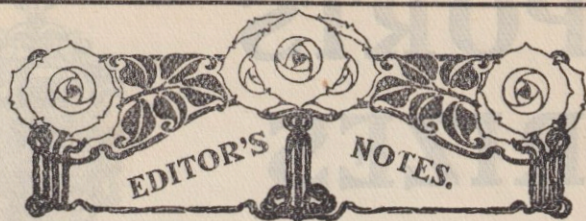
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## Things in General.

BY VARIOUS CONTRIBUTORS.

Since our last issue we have been inundated with correspondence, criticisms and complaints, and we are rather at a loss to know what to publish and what to omit. We suppose that many writers have been reserving their grievances until the end of the football season, possibly in the hope that they would be remedied, or perhaps in anticipation of additions. Many consider abuse as argument, so these have been ignored, while others are too long-winded. We have, therefore, collected the various subjects, and tried to print as concisely as possible, under our usual heading:—

## What Others Think.

**A**S a young referee I have been interested in the articles on "Referees," which have appeared in the *Sportsman*, and gather from them that it is the post-war referee who is chiefly objectionable. I am not taking sides in this matter, but what I do think is that from other specimens of refereeing I have seen, the old are as bad as the young. I say "Scrap the lot!"

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When a referee fails to see filthy, dirty play under his very nose, but plain to everyone else, no action is taken, for what does it matter if a player is injured? But let a player audibly abuse the referee to a colleague on the field, does the referee fail to hear that? Certainly not! A referee's dignity is of far greater value than a player's limbs.

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The Inter-League Competition which has been suggested, and supported by various Leagues, ought first to be considered from the players' standpoint. There are clubs and players who are out for honours and medals alone, but there are a far bigger percentage who play for the game only. Because a player or a club happen to be successful it does not naturally follow that they want to figure in Inter-



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It must be certainly gratifying to the many unemployed in Bristol to read about the large number (?) of Bristol footballers being "signed on" by our local professional teams. It is certainly most encouraging (?) We hear of "captures" being made from unknown clubs, while here in our midst no such discoveries can be made. Is it because a local must *ask* for a *trial*? Seriously, if only our pro teams would, unknown to anyone else, send representatives all over Bristol, not to watch *certain* players, but *all*, they would easily discover "captures" possessing the local enthusiasm which would place the teams in far superior league positions than the past season's players succeeded in doing.

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I witnessed a certain important Church of England League match recently, and was surprised to find amongst other lesser lights playing for the eventual winners two players who regularly assist another team in another League, and who have played in Western League, and even higher class football. I am not questioning their eligibility to play, but this habit of securing special players for important matches should not be encouraged. Other Leagues—failing mutual arrangements—may not find this obstacle easy to overcome, but the Church of England League has a definite object in view, viz., providing a football competition for parochial teams with the Vicars' approval, and surely no Vicar sanctions the introduction of this imported talent. If so, why call it the Church of England League?

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In one part of Saturday's *Sports Times* I found the various league tables, and to my astonishment, every fixture completed. Then in another column I found mention of a team fined for failing to keep its last three engagements. Making enquiries carefully, I learnt of other unplayed fixtures, so I presume the leagues concerned have "wangled" results to adjust the tables. This may be all well and good from their standpoint, but is obviously unfair. Earlier in the season, if a club fails to put in an appearance, the league does not award the disappointed club the points, however inconvenienced they may be, but yet it can be done at the end of the season. Properly managed, the fixtures can easily be carried

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out. The leagues have rules about re-arranged matches, but do not enforce them, consequently there is a superabundance of fixtures to be crammed in the last weeks of the season. This happens every year, but still nothing is done, and the delinquents have the laugh every time.

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Anent the correspondence on the G.F.A. which appeared in your magazine, might I be allowed to add that from my observations there are one or two individuals serving on the Council who can be nothing else but bugbears and hindrances. Could not these be supplanted?

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Through the initiative of Mr. Horace Walker it has been successfully proved that interest in first-class cricket need not necessarily be confined to the leisured classes. Many have contended for years that more opportunity should be given the working classes of watching County Cricket, and the Saturday start was the outcome. Now, it is proved that a fixture arranged in such a thickly populated district as Packer's ground is situated in, can command far greater support than elsewhere. Perhaps another year the County Executive may favour East Bristol with matches at more acceptable periods than this season, then the financial harvest will be greater still.

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The idea expressed to Mr. "Half-Back" that because Bristol Rovers have received a substantial transfer fee for Walter, they should send a portion to Horfield United because he previously played for them, may appear a convincing argument under present conditions, but it is open to question whether, if a club provided the City or Rovers with a player who turned out a frost and cost them a season's wages without return, they would be willing to send a subscription to reimburse the loss.

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## Cage Bird Fanciers' Notes.

### THE REARING OF YOUNG BIRDS.

**I** WILL endeavour this month to do my best to inform our readers how I manage to rear my young birds—from the nest over the first moult. I very seldom lose any between those periods.

To begin with, get your old birds into hard, sound condition, so that they will be fit to stand the strain of the breeding season, and don't pamper them up, for if you do you will certainly have to pay for it later, and let me warn you to feed as plain as possible when breeding, for at this time of the year the birds cannot do with rich food, it upsets them. I always feed on plain canary seed when the hens are sitting, until about three days before the eggs are due to hatch, then I give them a little richer food every day up to the eggs hatching; then I feed in the ordinary way with egg, hemp, etc.

We will now assume you are expecting to see some young ones any day. They duly arrive; the first thing to do is to give egg and bread-crumbs, pretty rich food, for the first three days. But don't give any green food until the young are about a week old. Also give crushed hemp seed, and rape seed softened by soaking it in cold water for twenty-four hours. When the young have got on a little you can gradually add more bread to the amount of egg used; also add a little soft sugar.

Give the soft food fresh twice a day, as the old birds feed better when it is changed pretty frequent. Also always see to the water, as this is more important than many people think, and be sure to clean the bottles out, at least once a week, as stale is more likely to set up diarrhoea than anything; it is also more refreshing to the birds. Many a score of times I have seen that when the hen has come off the nest, if the water has been cool, she has taken a bath; therefore she is bound to feel fresher after it, and sticks to her task.

We will now suppose the young are ready to leave the nest. This is the time to look out for squalls, for they are nearing the most difficult time of their lives. I always make a practice of putting them into a nursery cage as soon as possible, for should they be good birds, and got plucked by the old ones, they are not so good for show purposes than if they had retained their nest feathers. Many a time has a fine young bird had to take a back seat owing to this, for it is generally the best in the nest that gets plucked the worst.

I make my Yorkshire Show Cages do for the nursery cage, putting a wire on the front of it to hang it by to the breeding cage. The best plan is to lift up the door of the breeding cage, and let the nursery hang up close to cover up; by this way you only get one set of wires between the hen and the young ones.



Take the young away as soon as they can pick up for themselves, and use very plain food, say about half an egg to a slice of bread. If given too rich, a lot of young die at this stage. Remember that the food they have formerly been getting has been masticated by the hen, so don't rush them on to the seed too soon. Give a little soft food every day right up till they have got over their first moult, then gradually miss a day, and so on, until they are hardened birds.

Don't give any water to drink until they have reached the age of four or five weeks, and then only for a short time each day. When they are used to it you can leave it on, but bring them on to the water also by slow degrees. Don't forget to give young birds a little milk sop, even if they are well, as a preventive against "going light." If you use plenty of this you will very seldom have any ill, for it is worth a pound an ounce for successfully rearing young birds. I also give it to the old birds many a time to feed on; indeed, it cannot be given wrong, for it is both nourishing and soothing.

I never give my young birds any green food after they have left the parents, for by so doing you tend to give them diarrhoea, a complaint nearly as bad as inflammation of the bowels.

I trust that these few notes will be a boon to fanciers just now, as the time is at hand when most of us will have plenty of young birds to be properly attended to.

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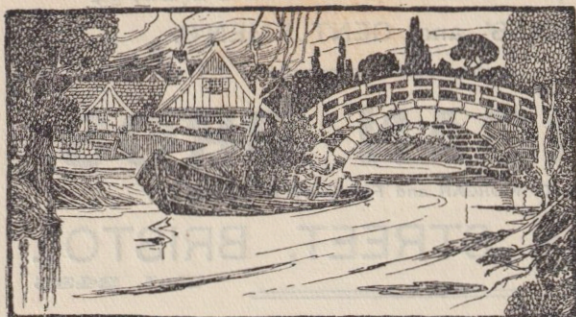
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## Cycling

### The Sport and Pastime.

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### More Tears than Smiles

**A**PRIL, 1922, will be long remembered by cyclists, I imagine, for its continuous unfriendly aspect to their pastime, and to all out-of-doors pleasures. The heaviest snowfall for several years in the neighbourhood of Bristol, was one feature of the month, another was the almost unprecedented—for the season—gale which happened along on Easter Saturday, in spite of the fact that the Eastertide fell on nearly as late a date as the Church and the moon can fix it. Yet both in respect of the snowfall and the gale, Bristol and the districts around came off lightly, as some other parts of the country, especially South and Mid-Wales, experienced much damage to life and property.

Spite of the snow, and the rip of the Nor'-Easter, the "Ancient" has been able to put in a few runs a wheel, and to enjoy the proceeding. On Good Friday, for instance—not a very inviting morning for venturing on a run to the Mendip country—some ten members and friends of the Bristol Bicycle and Motor Club found their way to that part of Blackdown above Rowberrow, and overlooking the valley which winds from Lyning's Farm at Charterhouse to the foot of Dolberrow Hill and the bottom of Churchill Rocks, and made a picnic fixture of it at that. In passing up the lane, beyond Rowberrow, to our picnic venue, we found about two feet of snow on either side, evidence of the depth of drift which must have settled here in the storm of a fortnight previously. A little further on, some of our friends gathered wild daffodils, and on a sunny slope of the hillside we found plenty of dried bracken, and here, sheltered from the wind, found it quite cosy and warm for the partaking of our *al-fresco* lunch. A stroll afterwards over the hill towards Dolberrow was cut short, and rain commencing, and we were treated

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to a down pour for twenty minutes or so before getting away from Rowberrow village. We were able to obtain tea at the "Churchill Inn," and afterwards enjoyed a very easy ride home, with the wind abaft and no further rain to trouble us.

By the way, at the Churchill Inn, we met a young cyclist who was on his way to Newquay from Wolverhampton. He was thinking of reaching Taunton that evening, and spoke of the stiff ride he found it that day from Gloucester with the wind head on, and the road—over Barrow was his route—somewhat pimplly. I have wondered since how the lad—he was little more than a schoolboy, though robust in frame and appearance—fared next day, when the gale was at its height, and if he reached Newquay, and his home, by road. I like to think he did, and that there is one youngster yet who isn't daunted by the matter of rain or wind when he sets out on a bit of a lengthy journey on a bicycle—a real bicycle.

The Bristol Bicycle and Motor Club have fixed up a tour for Whitsuntide, which will include the New Forest in its route. The programme, provisional at the time of writing, will be : Saturday afternoon, Salisbury, via Stonehenge. Sunday, Ringwood, Lyndhurst, Beaulieu, and Lymington. Monday, Highcliffe, Milton, Bournemouth, are to be visited, and return for the night to Lymington. Tuesday, some will return to Bristol direct; others, with the Wednesday in their holiday, make for Weymouth, via Bournemouth, visiting Lulworth Cove on the way, and staying the night at Weymouth.

### THE "BUTTERFLY."

I like to ride when the sun is bright, but not too hot, and the wind is right behind my back, with the road downhill, if there is no dust my lungs to fill. If there is no mud my clothes to soil, and cycling causes me no toil; 'tis then I ride that bike of mine, 'tis then I think that cycling's fine, 'tis then I find I can go the pace, although I never attempt to race. Then, not too far, and where the train may bring me home if it looks like rain; or if when I turn the wind won't slack, or change about to blow me back. At other times I'd rather not, be out on the road with the cycling lot. I'd rather stay at home altogether, than take out my bike in doubtful weather.

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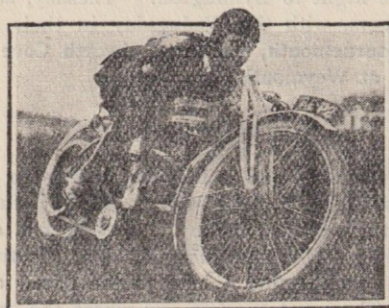


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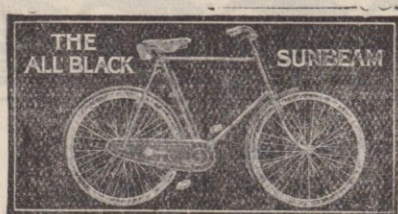
BY ROSS CAMPBELL.

I SHALL never forget my first day's experience with a fishing-rod, and my first visit to the lovely little village of Beaufort, near the lakes of Killarney. You might mistake me for an Englishman judging from my accent in conversation; but I am proud to say I was born in Dublin, where the finest King's English in the three kingdoms is spoken. When studying for the Bar at Trinity College, I met a fine young fellow named Edward O'Neil, from Co. Kerry. We attended the same classes at the University, we worked, walked, and talked together, with the result that we became as friendly and confidential as any two young gentlemen in all Ireland, and I was sorry, when the vacation came round, to lose my companion even for that time. We corresponded regularly during the summer, and every letter from Edward concluded with love from himself and sister Clare. I think I must have fallen in love with sister Clare before I saw her, for I used to sit staring at vacancy in the summer twilight wondering what she was like, till imagination would conjure up a sweet smiling face stealing on my senses like an angel in a dream. How that purty face and dreamy eyes would peep at me with timid bashfulness from behind the uncertain coloured curtains of the gloaming, then suddenly disappear into the land of shadows from whence it came. Ah! how charming were those ravishing day dreams, those idle vagaries of the fancy; but what were they to the wild delight that took possession of me one evening about the beginning of August, when I received a letter from Edward inviting me to come and spend a week or two with him at Shamrock Farm. In a postscript he said, "Bring your fishing-rod, as there is fine sport on the River Cashan."

Of course I accepted the invitation, and by the end of the next week I was fully equipped with a rod and tackle—which cost me two guineas—a pair of sea boots, and a sporting suit of green velvet. I arrived in Kerry ten years younger than ever I felt before, three times as large, and twice as natural. I found Edward waiting at the railway station with a car, and we drove to Shamrock in less than no time, where I was introduced to his father and mother, who gave me a *cead mille failthe*, which means a hundred thousand welcomes, in plain English. But where was Clare? I did not like to ask for her, for I was in such a delightful flutter that my heart went thumping against my ribs like to knock me down. How I longed to see her purty face. I wondered



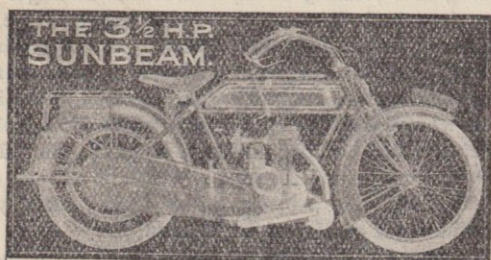
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if she was shy or—. But my cogitations were interrupted by Edward, who entered and conducted me upstairs to my room. Here he left me, and I proceed to dress for dinner, still musing on the anticipated pleasure of meeting the lovely Clare! I was quite sure she must be lovely. At this moment I happened to look out of the window, and saw a female figure coming up the avenue towards the house.

"Ah, sure, this must be Clare," said I; "I'll observe her when she comes nearer. What a handsome figure—such grace, such ease, such elegance of motion. What! No! Yes, bedad, red-haired I do declare! and a very indifferent-looking hard-featured woman. It must be Clare, too, for she walked in without knocking at the door. I thought I was to be delighted in Co. Kerry, but now I was sure I should be bored to death with dullness—ach, what a disappointment."

Muttering discontentedly I finished my toilet, and came down stairs. Edward met me at the drawing-room door, saying,—

"Come away, come away, my boy, and I'll introduce you. My sister Clare—Mr. Shannan; Mr. Shannan—my sister Clare," and turning on his heel he left us.

Ye gods! ye powers of beauty! strike me with admiration dumb! Clare blushed like a damask rose, and I felt as uncomfortable as a rat in a trap. Red-haired? Plain looking? She was the most superbly beautiful little lady I ever saw, read about, or dreamed of. A rich profusion of raven ringlets clustered waveringly round her little head. A pair of deep blue eyes, luminous with poetic fire, glowed and lighted up a face surpassing all comparison, defying all description.

I was sure I was in love with her from the first. I had hardly time to speak a word with her when Edward entered again with my friend of the golden locks on his arm.

"Miss Massey—Mr. Shannan."

"How d'ye do!" I was introduced, and then we were all introduced to dinner.

Next morning I awoke thinking of Clare. I sat beside her at the breakfast table, and had the indescribable delight of feasting—on her smiles—which spoiled my appetite for tea and toast most wonderfully. Edward proposed we should try our luck on the river. "It was a fine morning for fishing," he observed. "Hang fishing," said I to myself; but when Clare said it would be such jolly fun, and that she and Miss Massey and her father would come and keep us company after a bit, I thought there was nothing in the world I would like better than fishing. Edward and I walked to the river, where I put my rod together, fixed my tackle, and in five minutes I was whipping the water in fine style. Whiz...went my line half-way across the river; hillo! I had got a "rise." This was encouraging. Whiz... Whiz... Whiz...; ach, botheration, the hooks have got entangled with the point of a branch half-way up a tree to my left. I pull and tug and jerk this way and that way, when snap goes my casting-line, leaving the hooks still dangling to the branch. I thought it was a



little risky to climb the tree and recover them, so I tied a new set of hooks on my line and started afresh.. Whiz.... ha! another "rise"; Whiz... Whiz...there he is again; Whiz... ha! Well, I'm blessed! fixed a second time to the self same branch. Can't afford to lose six hooks in this fashion; it won't do at all, said I to myself, climbing up the tree. Up I go, scrambling from branch to branch, till I reach the treacherous twig which caught my hooks. There, I see them, ornamenting the point of the branch like ribbons on a recruiting sergeant's cap. I must be cautious going out here—the branch I am standing on is not very strong; cautiously, cautiously, my boy. Hillo! Edward has caught a trout. Look how he runs up the stream—there, I see his tail splashing and dashing in the water. Whack, crack, crack, smash goes the branch beneath me. I turn uncountable somersaults, see a few thousand stars, and sprawlinig, tumbling, and tearing down through the branches I come. When I reached the ground, and daylight had again dawned upon me, I discovered that a great lump of my new velvet coat was hanging by the tail half-way up the tree—my nose was bleeding, my hands were scratched, and my bones were sore. There was a lump on my head like the knob of a door, and a pain in my back like an earthquake. Edward came running to me, when he saw me fall, and asked if I was hurt.

"I can't say till I find out," says I. "I came down so mighty quick the half of my coat hadn't *time to follow*, and I got a queer surprise," I replied, as I sat on the ground looking woefully at my coat-tail up the tree. When I got on my feet I cut such a scare-crow figure that Edward laughed like to hurt himself.

"You should always wear old clothes when you go a-fishing, Bob, for there is no anticipating what may happen," says he.

"True for you, my boy," I replied, "that's a very sage remark; but I think the wiser plan is not to go fishing at all, for it's too sensational for ordinary mortals."

I washed my hands and face in the stream, and hinted my intention of going home.

"Home?" said Edward. "Man alive, never say die for a few scratches and the loss of a yard or so of green velvet. I'll get a boy to go up the tree for your coat-tail."

"But I have no more hooks," I argued.

"Oh, that's all right—that's all right—I have some I can spare," and he took three hooks from his pocket-book and tied them to my line. "There, take the loan of these, and be careful not to lose them, for they are rare and expensive hooks—cost 5s. each."

I set out to whip the stream with more caution this time. I gave all trees a wide berth, and in ten minutes I was so engrossed with my rod that I forgot my misfortunes, and actually began to whistle softly, and whiz went my line, striking the water as lightly as a feather—whiz... ha! a rise, whiz... another! ha, no! Yes, by St. Patrick I have hooked a trout. The point of my rod circles and bends almost to the water's edge, and trembles as if it were seized with



an ague fit. Oh, what a delightful sensation. Whir-r-r, bur-r-r, round revolves the reel. Off goes the line up the stream; away I follow, every nerve charged with electric excitement—tingling at my finger tips, coursing through the veins of my arms, tickling at my heart and down to my toes with a delicious thrill, setting sinews, muscles, blood, and body dancing, and prancing, and quaking, and quivering with delight, and doubt, and joy, and fear, and confusion, and confidence, till I landed the finest lump of a trout—for its size—I ever set eyes on. He'd weigh a quarter of a pound if he was an ounce. I was impatient to let Edward see my prize, but he was round the bend of the river and out of sight, and the conscious pride of having caught such a beauty inspired me to try my luck again. I saw a trout rise in a pool at the other side of the stream, and whiz went my line right across the river. Bad luck to it, the hooks have got fastened to the roots of a tree on the opposite bank. I pulled this way and that way, and tried every manœuvre I could think of to unfasten them, but all to no purpose, the harder I pulled the firmer they took hold. If the hooks had been my own I would have snapped the line without thinking twice about it. What could I do—the nearest bridge was two miles away, and four miles of a walk for three hooks and a casting line was too ridiculous. I could not cross the river even with my sea boots on without getting wet, so off came the boots, up went my pants above my knees, and on go the boots again to prevent the stones from cutting my feet. I was not half across the stream when I was forced to return—too deep—my inexpressibles would get wet. Nothing daunted, I disencumbered myself of these, put on my sea boots again, addressed myself to the task once more, and succeeded this time in wading to the other side. I had no sooner stepped on dry land than who should I spy coming along the opposite bank but Clare, Miss Massey, old Mr. O'Neil and his dog.

Angels and ministers of grace defend me!" I stole behind a tree with the agility of a jack-in-the-box, and looked furtively from my hiding place, hoping they might pass on, but, as bad luck would have it, Clare noticed the fishing rod, and I heard her say,

"They can't be far away, for this fishing-rod is set to catch trout in the pool there. Oh, I say!" she exclaimed, lifting the rod, "there's a trout caught here; look, he is hiding beneath the opposite bank in front of the tree."

"There's a big trout wearing a pair of sea boots and a damaged coat hiding above the bank at the back of the tree," I said to myself.

"Wait and see how I land him," said Clare.

"This unfortunate trout is landed high and dry and out of his element entirely," said I.

"Be aisy now," said her father, "moind what yer afther, wind up the line, pull him gently, and let him have a run if he is game."

"Begorra, I'm game to run to the ind of the world if I get half a chance."

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them with my—my—unmentionables in his mouth, wagging his tail as if he had accomplished some great feat. Clare looked alarmed, shrieked, and threw my rod right into the middle of the stream. When I saw my two guineas worth floating down the river, I plunged in after it without considering for a moment what I was about—floundering and splashing down the stream I went, till I came to a deep pool, when plump over the head I disappeared. By St. Dennis what a sensation! This brought me to my senses, and leaving my rod to float to America if it liked, I swam to the bank and sneaked back to my hiding place dripping wet and shivering with cold. I stole a glance around the tree, and saw the trio, who had been the cause of my misfortune, standing, as if petrified, with their mouths open, staring across the river.

"Hillo there, Mr. O'Neil!" I shouted. "Send the ladies away, tell them to go home."

"I declare to my goodness its Shannan," said the old gentleman.

"Where?" asked Edward, who came forward at this moment.

"There!" said his father, pointing in my direction.

"I can't see him."

"No, for he is hiding behind that tree."

"Hiding? Why, how did he cross the river?"

"Tell the girls to hook it," I yelled in desperation. "Tell them to cut their stick or I'll get my death of cold."

This had the desired effect, for the ladies burst into a merry peal of laughter and skipped away into the wood, their white dresses twinkling here and there among the green trees like two pale stars blinking through the broken rifts of darkling clouds that sweep across the horizon on an autumn evening. I heaved a sigh of profound relief, when far away I heard their laughter ring and echo through the wood, and they were out of sight. I crossed the river and changed from the costume of the noble savage to that of an Irish gentleman—barring the coat-tails—in less time than I take to tell it, while Edward and his father had the bad manners to laugh at my misfortune as if it were the greatest fun alive. I hit that dog an interesting kick, then took to my heels, ran home, bolted up stairs to my room, and changed my clothes. Then I sat down to think. If it were possible I would steal away to Dublin without saying a word to anyone, but I could not get a train earlier than the next morning. I had been sitting for about an hour, when the dinner-bell rang, so I was forced to come down stairs. I entered the dining-room, and tried to look as if nothing had happened. Clare looked at me so bewitchingly I couldn't help smiling, and Edward, screwing up his face with great gravity, groaned in a trembling voice:—

"Tell the ladies to hook it, tell them to cut their stick or I'll get my death of cold."

Everyone laughed so heartily that I caught the infection, and was quite at my ease before the dinner was half over; but I had as much of angling that day as will serve me all my days. And what became of Clare? Why, of course, I married her when the next summer came round.



## Bristol and Suburban Football League.

### FINAL TABLES

#### DIVISION 1

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
†Victoria Albions ... ..	24	21	0	3	72	14	45
*Butler's, Ltd. ... ..	24	14	4	6	87	29	36
Ashton City ... ..	24	14	4	6	58	29	34
Bristol Leather Trades ... ..	24	9	4	11	65	38	29
Bristol Aero. Co. ... ..	24	12	7	5	52	38	29
Coalpit Heath ... ..	24	10	8	6	39	54	26
Avonmouth ... ..	24	8	8	8	47	36	24
St. Pancras ... ..	24	8	9	7	54	43	22
Lyndale ... ..	24	9	11	4	43	47	22
Merrywood United ... ..	24	7	13	4	64	78	18
East Bristol Y.M.C.A. ... ..	24	5	15	4	30	75	14
6th Glo'sters ... ..	24	1	17	6	22	83	8
Horfield United ... ..	24	1	20	3	23	79	5

† Champions.

\* Runners-up.

#### DIVISION 2.

†Coe, Church & McPherson ... ..	28	24	2	2	97	18	50
*Hanham Villa ... ..	28	22	4	2	81	21	46
Parson Street Old Boys ... ..	28	20	7	1	75	23	41
Redfield Brotherhood ... ..	28	18	7	3	58	34	39
Winterbourne Down Sports ... ..	28	15	7	6	59	35	35
Eclipse ... ..	28	14	10	4	61	42	32
Brislington United ... ..	28	14	10	4	60	42	32
Hamilton ... ..	28	13	9	6	50	53	32
Warmley Tower Villa ... ..	28	9	12	7	50	59	25
Raleigh United ... ..	28	9	13	6	51	48	24
Bristol Trams ... ..	28	6	16	6	45	81	18
R.A.M.C. (T.) ... ..	28	6	19	3	31	74	15
Iron Acton and Yate ... ..	28	5	20	3	32	62	13
Avonclift ... ..	28	5	22	1	24	91	11
Jennings Ltd. ... ..	28	2	24	2	25	105	6

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## DIVISION 3.

			P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
†Newtown Old Boys	...	...	28	22	1	5	105	19	49
*Fishponds Town	...	...	28	22	3	3	103	21	47
*Pucklechurch	...	...	28	23	4	1	97	24	47
Redding United	...	...	28	19	3	6	88	35	44
St. John's Villa	...	...	28	14	5	9	57	24	37
Dean Lane	...	...	28	13	11	4	50	50	30
Ashton City Res.	...	...	28	11	9	8	64	51	30
Langtonians	...	...	28	11	13	4	58	66	26
St. Joseph's	...	...	28	8	12	8	46	61	24
Winterbourne Villa	...	...	28	7	15	6	38	85	20
Owen Street Mission	...	...	28	5	14	9	48	60	19
St. Pancras Res.	...	...	28	7	18	3	61	78	17
Greenhill Star	...	...	28	3	19	6	30	86	12
Bedminster Dominicans	...	...	28	3	19	6	25	78	12
6th Glo'sters Res.	...	...	28	2	24	2	22	143	6

†Champions. \*Equal on points. Deciding match to be played next year.

## DIVISION 4.

†Wesley Chapel	...	...	30	23	4	3	94	25	49
*Shaftesbury	...	...	30	23	5	2	83	33	48
Longwell Green	...	...	30	19	4	7	68	14	45
Ashton Gate Brewery	...	...	30	19	9	2	89	52	40
Bitton	...	...	30	17	8	5	66	56	39
G.W.R.	...	...	30	13	9	8	59	39	34
Bedminster Victoria	...	...	30	13	10	7	50	31	33
Y.M.C.A. Bro.	...	...	30	12	14	4	67	70	28
Berkeley United	...	...	30	12	14	4	41	46	28
Bushy Park Wesleyan	...	...	30	11	13	6	45	51	28
Westbury	...	...	30	9	14	7	44	55	25
John Hare & Co.	...	...	30	9	18	3	49	75	21
United Yeast Co.	...	...	30	8	17	5	45	70	21
Ashton Avenue	...	...	30	6	18	6	47	74	18
Cowlin's Sports	...	...	30	5	20	5	41	81	15
Salem P.M.	...	...	30	1	23	6	29	145	8

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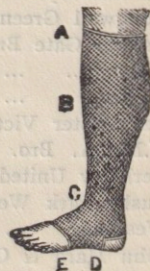
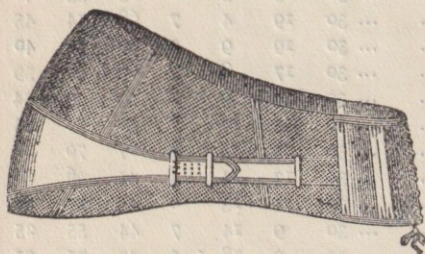
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	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
†Dings Villa ... ..	28	21	3	4	110	26	46
*Eastville U.M. ... ..	28	21	4	3	114	27	45
British Petroleum Co. ... ..	28	18	5	5	70	44	41
Parson Street Old Boys Res. ... ..	28	18	5	5	70	44	41
Bedminster Thistle ... ..	28	18	6	4	63	30	40
Pucklechurch Res. ... ..	28	11	11	6	48	56	28
Beaumont Athletic ... ..	28	10	15	3	48	63	23
Winterbourne Down Sports Res. ... ..	28	8	14	6	47	55	22
Ravenswood ... ..	28	10	16	2	42	61	22
Brislington United Res. ... ..	28	9	16	3	41	48	21
Brecknell's Nomads ... ..	28	8	16	4	41	73	20
Knowle Athletic ... ..	28	8	16	4	46	90	20
F. Braby & Co. ... ..	28	9	18	1	45	74	19
Bristol East Labour Party ... ..	28	7	17	4	32	69	18
Castle Green... ..	28	2	22	4	31	112	8

† Champions.

\* Runners-up.

## DIVISION 6

†Co-op. Society Guild ... ..	32	31	0	1	172	14	63
*York House ... ..	32	22	5	5	108	40	49
Brick Street Mission ... ..	32	21	5	6	107	31	48
Victoria Rangers ... ..	32	22	6	4	88	36	48
Bedminster Wesleyan ... ..	32	17	6	9	76	29	43
Cadbury Heath Y.M.C.A. ... ..	32	17	9	6	74	39	40
Dean Villa ... ..	32	14	10	8	85	56	36
St. John's Villa Res. ... ..	32	15	11	6	75	70	36
Pullin, Thomas & Slade ... ..	32	13	13	6	56	68	32
St. Mark's Baptist... ..	32	11	14	7	63	74	29
Old King Street Wesleyan ... ..	32	8	18	6	54	87	22
Easton Athletic ... ..	32	9	19	4	43	76	22
Raleigh United Res. ... ..	32	9	20	3	49	88	21
Portwall Rangers ... ..	32	7	18	7	51	95	21
Y.M.C.A. Brotherhood Res. ... ..	32	7	21	4	38	118	18
Henleaze ... ..	32	3	25	4	28	139	10
Stoates' Mills ... ..	32	3	27	2	33	146	8

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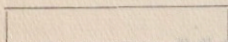
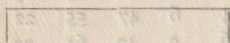
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## DIVISION. 1.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
† Hanham Athletic ... ..	32	24	5	3	90	29	53
* Brecknell, Munro, Rogers & Co..	32	24	2	6	99	43	50
St. Philip's A.S. ... ..	32	22	4	6	82	37	48
Leather Trades ... ..	32	19	6	7	65	44	44
Ashcombe Rangers ... ..	32	19	4	9	60	38	42
Brislington ... ..	32	15	7	10	69	51	37
Pill Athletic ... ..	32	12	10	10	49	43	34
Staple Hill A.S. ... ..	32	12	6	14	68	74	30
Mangotsfield ... ..	32	11	7	14	51	52	29
Shirehampton ... ..	32	11	6	15	43	51	28
a St. George Sports ... ..	32	10	8	14	50	53	26
Clevedon ... ..	32	7	11	14	34	61	25
J. S. Fry & Sons ... ..	32	8	9	15	36	63	25
Keynsham ... ..	32	9	6	17	38	64	24
H. J. Packer & Co....	32	6	7	19	32	66	19
Bristol Trams ... ..	32	7	2	23	59	95	16
a Frenchay ... ..	32	3	6	23	30	102	10

† Champions.

\* Runners-up.

a Two points deducted for playing ineligible players.

## DIVISION 2.

† E. W. Pratt & Co. ... ..	32	25	4	3	99	27	54
* Bedminster Down Sports...	32	23	5	4	115	39	51
Victoria Park O.B....	32	17	10	5	62	31	44
St. Francis ... ..	32	16	9	7	73	40	41
Yatton ... ..	32	14	9	9	62	45	37
Brislington Res. ... ..	32	15	7	10	59	52	37
St. Philip's A.S. Res. ... ..	32	12	12	8	47	39	36
Burnham ... ..	32	12	6	14	58	71	30
E. S. & A. Robinson's ... ..	32	11	8	13	46	74	30
Bedminster United ... ..	32	10	10	12	47	41	30
Bristol Pottery ... ..	32	10	8	14	58	71	28
Clevedon Res. ... ..	32	9	9	14	48	62	27
Nailsea ... ..	32	10	7	15	48	59	27
Mangotsfield Res. ... ..	32	7	13	12	29	55	27
Stapleton ... ..	32	6	7	19	44	77	19
Horfield Wesleyan ... ..	32	6	4	22	40	84	16
Victoria St. George ... ..	32	2	6	24	43	110	10

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†St. Nicholas R.C. ...	...	...	36	26	8	2	105	23	60
*Staple Hill A.S. Res. ...	...	...	36	26	5	5	104	42	57
Anglo Sports ...	...	...	36	23	9	4	102	41	55
St. George Sports Res. ...	...	...	36	20	10	6	82	46	50
Shirehampton ...	...	...	36	19	9	8	76	43	47
aWarmley ...	...	...	36	20	8	8	87	50	46
Brookland ...	...	...	36	13	13	10	54	52	39
aKeynsham Res. ...	...	...	36	15	9	12	90	59	37
St. John's O.B. ...	...	...	36	13	11	12	65	56	36
Victoria Park O.B. Res. ...	...	...	36	14	8	14	68	56	36
J. S. Fry & Sons Res. ...	...	...	36	10	11	15	38	49	31
Pill Athletic Res. ...	...	...	36	11	9	16	47	59	31
Long Ashton... ...	...	...	36	8	15	13	39	66	31
H. J. Packer & Co Res. ...	...	...	36	11	6	19	47	74	28
Frenchay Res. ...	...	...	36	7	11	18	46	81	25
St. Anne's Park A.S. ...	...	...	36	7	9	20	34	75	23
Horfield Institute ...	...	...	36	8	3	25	39	95	19
Cocoa Tree Boys ...	...	...	36	3	9	24	46	122	15
St. Mary's Rovers ...	...	...	36	3	8	25	47	123	14

† Champions.

\* Runners-up.

## JUNIOR DIVISION.

†Victoria Park O.B. ...	...	...	20	17	2	1	112	11	36
*Brislington Cadets ...	...	...	20	14	5	1	75	20	33
H. J. Packer & Co....	...	...	20	12	3	5	63	50	27
Cocoa Tree Boys ...	...	...	20	12	1	7	81	43	25
Brookland Church ...	...	...	20	10	1	9	51	56	21
Hillside Villa ...	...	...	20	8	2	10	27	57	18
Avonside ...	...	...	20	5	7	8	47	60	17
G.P.O. Messengers ...	...	...	20	5	4	11	42	64	14
Anglo Sports ...	...	...	20	3	6	11	31	54	12
Bath Street Wesleyan ...	...	...	20	4	1	15	30	77	9
St. Nicholas R.C. ...	...	...	20	3	2	15	17	84	8

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## DIVISION 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
†Clifton St. Vincent ...	24	20	1	3	79	22	43
*Union Jack ...	24	17	3	4	63	31	38
St. Andrew's ...	24	16	5	3	77	32	35
Broad Plain ...	24	13	5	6	63	30	32
Sneyd Park ...	24	13	7	4	75	39	30
Redland ...	24	10	9	5	48	44	25
Hebron Bro. ...	24	10	11	3	42	52	23
Dolphin ...	24	10	13	1	30	50	21
Redland Park ...	24	8	12	4	34	57	20
Clifton Villa ...	24	9	15	0	45	47	18
Q.E.H.O.B. ...	24	4	18	2	32	70	10
Barton Hill A.S. ...	24	4	19	1	26	92	9
Ringer's ...	24	3	19	2	23	71	8

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\* Runners-up.

## DIVISION 2.

†Dings Crusaders ...	24	19	0	5	83	14	43
*Bishopston Rangers ...	24	15	4	5	50	28	35
Russell Town Congregational ...	24	15	5	4	63	34	34
Christ Church ...	24	13	7	4	58	41	30
Central Y.M.C.A. ...	24	13	8	3	66	47	29
Sneyd Park Res. ...	24	9	9	6	52	53	24
Western Amateurs ...	24	10	11	3	49	49	23
Rangers ...	24	9	13	2	33	45	20
Upton Ath. ...	24	7	11	6	39	56	20
Highbury Utd. ...	24	7	15	2	36	59	16
Broad Plain 2nd ...	24	6	16	2	25	62	14
Clifton St. Vincent Res. ...	24	4	16	4	39	68	12
Church Army ...	24	5	17	2	29	66	12

† Champions.

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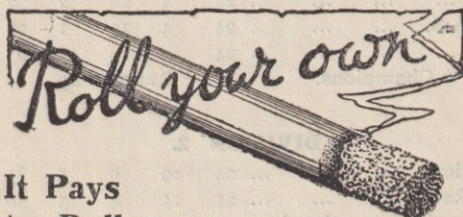


## DIVISION 3.

†Durdham D. A.S. J. ...	26	20	3	3	112	32	43
*Southville ...	26	20	3	3	84	32	43
Kensington Baptist ...	26	19	3	4	75	23	42
E. D. Smith & Co. ...	26	17	5	4	78	38	38
Westbury Park ...	26	16	8	2	68	57	34
B.C.E. Dept. ...	26	14	0	2	71	56	30
Broadmead Baptist ...	26	9	11	6	37	50	24
Russell Town Cong. Res...	26	9	16	1	53	71	19
Dings Crusaders Res ...	26	8	16	2	47	69	18
All Saints O.B. ...	26	7	17	2	35	63	16
Broad Plain 3rd ...	26	7	17	2	35	74	16
Central Y.M.C.A. "B." ...	26	4	16	6	36	75	14
Bristol South ...	26	5	17	4	26	76	14
Bishopston Church ...	26	4	17	5	35	76	13

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## Western Football League.

### FINAL TABLES

#### DIVISION I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Yeovil & Petters' United	... 14	10	2	2	26	9	22
Trowbridge Town ...	... 14	8	1	5	18	15	17
Welton Rovers ...	... 14	7	2	5	31	27	16
Cardiff Corinthians ...	... 14	7	1	6	30	22	15
Torquay United ...	... 14	6	2	6	25	17	14
Peasedown St. John ...	... 14	5	3	6	21	19	13
Weymouth ...	... 14	5	1	8	15	25	11
Horfield United ...	... 14	1	2	11	10	42	4

#### DIVISION II.

Clandown ... 16	10	5	1	22	5	25
Coleford Athletic ... 16	11	1	4	35	19	23
Radstock Town ... 16	7	4	5	23	14	18
Timsbury Athletic ... 16	7	2	7	23	22	16
Welton Amateurs ... 16	8	0	8	22	22	16
Glastonbury ... 16	6	2	8	21	36	14
Paulton Rovers ... 16	4	5	7	26	22	13
Frome Town ... 16	5	2	9	21	29	12
Street ... 16	2	3	11	25	49	7

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## Things we'd like to know.

WHAT likelihood is there of the East Bristol Club being re-started?  
\* \* \* \* \*

Do other teams appreciate that possibility?  
\* \* \* \* \*

How many ineligible players were introduced in mid-week games?  
\* \* \* \* \*

Where will the unemployed referees get their "pin money" now?  
\* \* \* \* \*

Why not try umpiring?  
\* \* \* \* \*

Will the Bristol Central League ever sanction payment to umpires?  
\* \* \* \* \*

Or will they always prefer the independent gentleman to the paid dictator?  
\* \* \* \* \*

Which chapel cricket club is the most sporting?  
\* \* \* \* \*

Has the same referee again threatened to order off the whole team?  
\* \* \* \* \*

Does this threat increase his control of the game?  
\* \* \* \* \*

Which referee is actually connected with a club?  
\* \* \* \* \*

Can he referee a game unbiased against his own club's most dangerous opponents?  
\* \* \* \* \*

Are referees so short that he must participate in this particular division?  
\* \* \* \* \*

Does he sometimes get his own club's matches?  
\* \* \* \* \*

Isn't it unfair all round?  
\* \* \* \* \*

Who was the Bristol referee with 22 players lined up ready to start a match to find himself without the all important watch?  
\* \* \* \* \*

Which cricketer bet a colleague he would make a bigger score than him?  
\* \* \* \* \*

Did he afterwards catch him out when fielding "sub."?  
\* \* \* \* \*

Is a certain League so well managed that it can criticise others?  
\* \* \* \* \*

Which Chairman doesn't know his own League Rules?

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Was it really ignorance or obstinacy?

\* \* \* \* \*

Where do certain Bristol and other referees congregate after keeping their appointments?

\* \* \* \* \*

How many clubs constitute a League?

\* \* \* \* \*

Do referees love one another?

\* \* \* \* \*

What about that South Wales episode?

\* \* \* \* \*

Who tried to buy a Dummy at Berkeley Road on Easter Monday?

\* \* \* \* \*

Does the crude way some park pitches are marked out justify payment?

\* \* \* \* \*

Will clubs force a "lock-out" of professional pitch-markers next season?

\* \* \* \* \*

Why not organise now?

\* \* \* \* \*

Will the "H.P." sauce do good to the Wootton and District League? We hope so.

\* \* \* \* \*

Is it cheaper to always use your opponents' football when available?

\* \* \* \* \*

But can't it be tried once too often?

\* \* \* \* \*

Who started the controversy in the newspapers on the playing of games in the Parks?

\* \* \* \* \*

Were the writers "Bowlers" or tennis players with properly reserved and protected greens and courts?

\* \* \* \* \*

Would they approve of the laying out of football fields and cricket pitches?

\* \* \* \* \*

Why the Referee of the Gloucester County Senior Amateur Cup Final did not receive a Gloucester County Cup Final appointment until after he had officiated in 9 other finals?

\* \* \* \* \*

Didn't the idea of a "Bristol United" fizzle out?

\* \* \* \* \*

Which team secretary wrote a letter about *their* sportsmanship?

\* \* \* \* \*

In view of recent happenings, is he sorry now?

\* \* \* \* \*

Can a club not completing their fixtures be champions?



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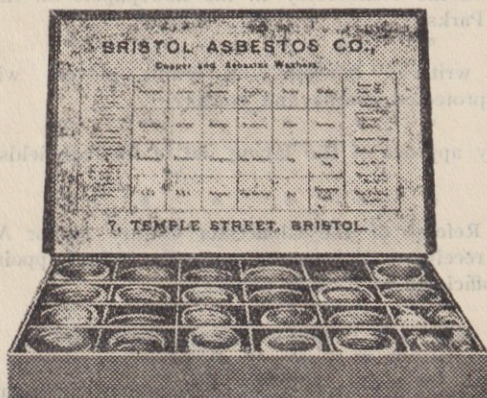
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When was the G.F.A. Referees' Benevolent Fund inaugurated?

Who suggested starting an Old Age Compulsory Retirement Pension Fund as well?

Who asked the question about "Who's who" last month?

Instead of asking "Who's who" oughtn't he to have enquired "What's on"?

Which amateur photographer prefers groups without heads?

Why certain prominent Bristol Referees have not received County appointments during the season 1921-22? Is it League partiality?

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## Kingswood & District League.

### "AS SNOW IN SUMMER"—

Popular though the game of Football undoubtedly is, with players and spectators alike, it is still open to serious question whether the season is not too long. Usually, the early games are played in topical weather, and the closing matches resemble the dying capers of a fish out of water. It would not be so bad if the ordinary league programme could be completed in eight months of Saturday afternoons, but when it comes to four or five matches in eight days the players would be super-human if they did not go stale, and the spectators would be other than we think they are if their interest did not wane. A severe strain would be imposed on the Coué formula if it were adopted in connection with May football. Fancy on May 6 or 13, "Every day and in every way football is getting better and better."

### "THE 'HINDER' ONES."

There was once a kind old farmer chap, who had taken as his life's motto:—"Help along the hinder one." He was as earnest in putting this into practice as is the Boy Scout with his one kind deed a day. Literally, when a lamb of his flock was too weak to keep up with the others, he would take it in his arms and carry it. When the presentation of Trophies and Medals takes place, opportunity will be offered to equalise those teams who are at the head of the tables. And right well they deserve it. At the moment, however, one would like to speak a word in praise of those at the other end. No victor's wreath is theirs. (Also, he is said, no wreath of the other sort.) They have plodded on, week by week, taking the gruel of defeat like good sportsmen, and, like Oliver Twist, coming up for more. To some, Fortune has been kind, and they have met with the reward of perseverance. Notably, Hopewell Hill among the Seniors, and All Saints Juniors and Victoria Juniors among the "boys." Others, like Hanham Baptist, Warmley Res., St. Michaels, and Kensington Villa Juniors, have often been denied victory when they deserved it. These have comforted themselves so well, that they have really graced a lowly position. Not an easy task by any means.

### "BEWARE OF THE THIRD."

At the third attempt, we managed to win a Junior Section Inter-League match. Having been defeated by the C. of E. 5-3, and by the B. and S. 2-1, we were none too optimistic about the match with the boys of the Bristol and District League. But as events proved, our lads were value for the 4-1 win. They certainly played much better football than on the two previous occasions. One can readily sympathize with the defeated team, who by no means played a bad game. To begin with they lost the toss, and were set to face the sun, a factor largely responsible for the scoring of the second goal. Several other bits of

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ill-luck came their way which was not very inspiring. Altogether it was a most enjoyable meeting, and a real pleasure to rub shoulders with the genial B. and D. officials. We are deeply indebted to the Rovers' directors for the use of the ground, to Mr. A. F. Davis who refereed, to Mr. Crawford for his kindly words at the presentation of the medals, and to that little band of ladies who saw to it that we did not return to Kingswood unrefreshed. Another fixture is in the "offing."

#### POLICE-COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Our League was concerned in a prosecution at Lawfords Gate Police Court on May 4. The charge was one of assaulting a referee. We are grateful to the G.F.A. (and F.A.) for taking this matter up. Happily, such incidents are rare. But a single such occurrence in connection with sport is most reprehensive. It is the duty of all lovers of pure, clean sport, whether players, officials, or spectators, to see that such things are not for a moment tolerated. In this case the accused was not a supporter of any team, and we know that his action was deeply regretted by the clubs between whom the match, which was the occasion of the incident, took place. Such conduct cannot be excused on any grounds whatever, and it would appear from the evidence that, having lost a bet, this young fellow lost control of himself completely. Gambling on sport will spoil it. That much is certain. A fine of £2 was inflicted, and it should be known that for such an offence a person is liable to a fine of £5, or two months' hard labour. The one redeeming feature in this unsavoury business is that accused expressed regret. One earnestly hopes his sorrow is sincere. But there is another aspect which should appeal to all fair-minded men. Here is an official appointed to control a game, one individual against a crowd of 500. He is struck a violent blow, and by virtue of his office he is prevented from defending himself in a way that appeals to some Britishers. What shall be said concerning the aggressor? Is it not an act cowardly in the extreme? The referee is indispensable to the game of football. Until he can be done without see to it that he is supported and protected.

#### ADVERTISING ENTERPRISE.

Some handbills have recently been distributed out Hanham way. They bear the legend: "Wesley Rangers train on our Fish and Chips. Try our 3d. and 6d. lots." We have some recollection of serious consequences having sometime resulted from such a supper the night before. We presume its a case of "What is one man's meat"—

#### A FACT.

"What are you doing at the bottom of the table?"

"Keeping somebody else out."

#### HAVE YOU SEEN THIS?

Scene—Village football match, very robust, ball often out of play. "Barging" enjoyed by "Garge," who eventually yells out:—

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## KINGSWOOD AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

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## Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
All Saints' O.B. ... ..	16	11	2	3	44	21	24
Speedwell ... ..	16	9	4	3	29	11	22
Bourne ... ..	16	10	2	4	35	17	22
Brockham Hill Rangers ... ..	16	9	3	4	33	24	21
Kensington Villa ... ..	16	8	0	8	35	39	16
Hopewell Hill ... ..	16	5	2	9	25	37	12
Poplar Rovers ... ..	16	3	5	8	35	41	11
Hanham Baptist ... ..	16	3	3	10	22	50	9
Warmley Res. ... ..	16	2	3	11	13	30	7

## Charity Section.

All Saints O.B. ... ..	14	12	0	2	46	13	24
Hopewell Hill ... ..	14	8	2	4	38	30	18
Brockham Hill Rangers ... ..	14	6	4	4	27	29	16
Bourne ... ..	14	7	1	6	30	18	15
Speedwell ... ..	14	6	3	5	21	19	15
Poplar Rovers ... ..	14	4	4	6	27	29	12
Warmley Res. ... ..	14	2	3	9	13	25	7
Hanham Baptist ... ..	14	2	1	11	13	52	5

## Junior Section.

Wesley Rangers ... ..	30	29	0	1	154	29	58
St. Matthew's ... ..	30	25	2	3	155	28	52
Hanham Baptist Juniors ... ..	30	19	3	8	75	51	41
Kingswood Congregational ... ..	30	19	3	8	91	71	41
Bourne Junrs. ... ..	30	18	2	10	101	40	38
Kingswood North End ... ..	30	18	2	10	102	50	38
Poplar Rovers ... ..	30	16	5	11	88	59	35
Cockroad U.M. ... ..	30	12	5	13	91	78	29
East End ... ..	30	13	3	14	69	73	29
Hanham Tabernacle ... ..	30	11	3	16	66	85	25
All Saints' Juniors ... ..	30	10	4	16	52	108	24
Victoria Juniors ... ..	30	7	2	21	57	107	16
Staple Hill Utd. ... ..	30	7	2	21	41	106	16
Southville ... ..	30	6	3	21	39	72	15
St. Michael's ... ..	30	5	2	23	49	136	12
Kensington Villa Juniors... ..	30	4	0	26	27	148	8

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## Bristol Central Cricket League.

THE usual monthly general Committee Meeting was held at Headquarters on Wednesday, April 26th, when Mr. Robert O'Connell presided over a crowded attendance, no fewer than 30 clubs being represented, the only absentee being Redcliff II.

April 29th saw three games down for decision, all in the First Division, but unfortunately rain caused the abandonment of two matches, while B. Maggs and Co. (champions) obtained the verdict over the 66th Brigade R.F.A., who, making their debut in the League, batted first, but were dismissed for 29, of which Sergt.-Major Stephens collected 13. Although finishing their innings in the rain the Gunners sportingly played on to give their opponents a chance to knock off the runs, which did not prove a big task for the cabinet makers, who made 31 for the loss of one wicket and declared, P. Maggs 13 (not out), P. Rattenbury 12 (not out), and extras 7, being the scorers.

The other games were 4th Gloucester Regt. v. Dings, at Knowle; and St. Michael's v. St. George's Road Men's Club, on the Downs. A start was made in each instance, but the matches were abandoned, and will be replayed throughout, dates having been arranged.

The next General Committee Meeting will be held at Headquarters on Wednesday, June 7th, when the Selection Committee for the League *versus* Downend C.C. game will be chosen.

During the temporary absence of Sergt. W. H. Milsom, undergoing a course of instruction, the secretarial duties for the 4th Gloucester' C.C. will be undertaken by Sergt. A. E. Jefferies, 135 Bath Road, Bristol.

The League opened its tenth playing season in force on Saturday May 6th, when no fewer than 22 of the 31 teams were engaged, and in every case a win outright was recorded.

Three games in the Third Division provided thrilling results, the winners proving only slightly superior to their opponents.

The remainder of the matches resulted in substantial wins for the victors, as a glance at the results will show. The honour of recording the first League century of the season belongs to the Dings, who signalled their re-entry into the League by running up 118 against a depleted R.F.A. side. It is a pity the Gunners could only muster seven men, and so early in the season.

H. Hines, who last season kept wicket for the League, blossomed forth as a bowler, and found easy prey in the 4th Gloucester Regiment, his analysis reading: O. 4, m.o. 4, wickets 3, runs 0. Quite a good start.

Kingswood Nomads, who are new to the League, opened by defeating Glendale in a low scoring game. For the winners, Burman bowled very well, and did the "hat trick."



## THE HONOURS LIST.

Batting.—Bruton (Dings), 33 (retired); S. Fry (Brookland Church), 32; C. Lewis (Kingsland Con.), 25; A. E. Richards (Kingsland Con.), 23; V. G. Lovell (B. Maggs and Co.), 23; J. W. Connor (Cotham Grove Mission), 22; —. Cockram (66th Brigade R.F.A.), 21; W. Barnes (St. Michael's I.), 20.

Bowling.—A. E. Richards (Kingsland Con.), 4 wickets for 3 runs; S. J. Webb (B. Maggs and Co.), 5 for 4; E. Oakes (Cotham Grove Mission), 5 for 6; E. Honeyman (Baptist Mills Y.M.C.A.), 5 for 6; A. Rowe (Eastville Sports), 6 for 8; J. Ford (St. Michael's I.), 5 for 7; G. Goss (C.A.S.C.), 7 for 14; —. Burman (Kingsdown Nomads), 6 for 13; A. Williams (Central Y.M.C.A.), 4 for 9; L. Barnes (Clifton St. Andrew's), 6 for 16; R. Cousins (Cocoa Tree II.), 4 for 11; W. Redman (St. Werburgh's II.), 6 for 17.

## MAY 6th RESULTS.

## Division I.

St. George's Road Men's Club, 25; Eastville Sports, 42 for 4 wickets (declared).

66th Brigade R.F.A., 37; Dings, 118.

B. Maggs and Co., 57; Kingsland 24.

St. Michael's I., 61; 4th Gloucester Regt., 21.

## Division II.

Clifton St. Andrew's, 64; St. George's (B.H.), 41.

St. Mary's (T.P.), 20; Y.M.C.A (Central), 55.

## Division III. (A).

Cotham Grove Mission, 84; East Bristol Y.M.C.A., 17.

Kingsland Congregational, 77; Baptist Mills Y.M.C.A., 34.

Brookland Church, 58; St. Werburgh's II., 54.

## Division III. (B).

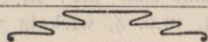
Kingsdown Nomads, 27; Glendale, 16.

C.A.S.C., 35; Cocoa Tree II., 27.

## SECRETARIES, PLEASE NOTE :

The Dings C.C. (Division I.) notify a change of secretary, Mr. A. H. Cork having resigned. The duties will now be carried out by Mr. W. Bissix, 11 Canterbury Street, Barton Hill, Bristol, to whom all communications should be addressed.

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## Things in General.

BY VARIOUS CONTRIBUTORS.

**W**ITH the football season of 1921-22 finished, our correspondence is greatly on the increase. We presume intending writers are too busy, during the actual playing season, to ventilate their views, but now are only too willing to rush into print. It is impossible for us to publish all in full, so once again we have condensed under our usual heading:

### WHAT OTHERS THINK.

My contention proved correct, and the referee's personal feelings are considered of more importance than a player's limbs. Read this:—

"In the Wednesday Cup final, Phillips, of Horfield United Wednesday, was ordered off the field by Referee G. Fussell for continually challenging his decisions, and for using abusive remarks after being previously cautioned. The player, who appeared, disputed using bad language, but the Council decided otherwise after hearing further evidence, and suspended Phillips *sine die*."

What instance is there of a player being suspended *sine die* for dirty play?

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Mr. "Half-Back," in his *Witness Box* of May 27th, after referring to an affair at Whatley's End, adds "Too many clubs erroneously believe that when once the whistle has gone for time the responsibilities of the club's officers as such end, so other junior and country clubs will do well to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the finding of the Commission in this particular respect." I am the playing secretary of a junior club, playing on Eastville Park. We have barely enough members to regularly raise a team, and certainly no supporters, yet, after a game when the refereeing—from our standpoint—has been particularly vile, a few casual spectators who had only witnessed a few minutes' play (coming from a First Division match) tried to start an argument with the referee on his way down the Park. How can I stop a crowd of men, and what right have I on a public park? In spite of what "Half-Back" says, I consider my responsibility ends at full time.

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The cause of any trouble on a football field is always the same—bad or weak refereeing. But the G.F.A. make no effort to *remedy* the cause, but only the *results*. They treat the small clubs as if they were rolling in wealth, and could employ gatekeepers and policemen to keep order, irregardless of the fact that it is as much as any club can do to pay the essential expenses.

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"The Somerset F.A., at their annual meeting, passed a resolution debarring active referees from sitting on the Council of that body, but there is a movement on foot to rescind what is felt would be a retrograde step." I am wondering who are the prime movers in trying to get the resolution rescinded but I am willing to stake they are referees. But is it a retrograde step?

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I am afraid your paper is rather overdoing the bad refereeing stunt, for amongst so many referees mistakes are bound to occur. Why do not secretaries lodge a complaint immediately to the G.F.A. when they have a particularly bad case. Then let the matter be properly investigated. The G.F.A. are as anxious for good refereeing as for clean play, but they cannot be expected to punish a referee on mere heresay. I am afraid some secretaries would make a poor show interpreting the laws governing their complaint.

## New Bristol League.

**N**EXT Season the Bristol Wesleyan Football League will be in full swing. At the meeting on Thursday, May 25th, at Old King Street Wesleyan Lecture Hall, the Chairman (Mr. C. H. Parsons) announced that he had been able to fix their permanent headquarters at that hall. It was decided to form a Junior Division, with maximum age 17. Shields will be procured for the winners of the various divisions.

Applications for membership are steadily coming in, but more will be welcomed. All clubs must be connected with a Wesleyan Church or Mission. The Secretary is Mr. E. H. Rogers, 16 Osborne Road, Southville, who will be pleased to give intending applicants all information.

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## Cage Bird Fanciers' Notes.

**M**R. Robert Blatchford, in an article in *The Clarion* of May 19th, entitled "The Blackcap's Visit," and his opinion of the song of the Blackcap will be endorsed by many who may not be in such full accord with some other of his writings. He says: "A few days ago I was in the garden, and had taken cover under a cherry tree in order to get sight of a Blackbird who was singing gloriously, when all at once, amongst the sunlit scented blossoms, right above my head, a Blackcap burst out with his wild pipe. It startled me, and I opened my mouth and eyes and ears to take in the marvellous melody, and then the bird flew across to an apple tree, jumped on to a thornbush, flapped his wings, and made a quick, erratic flight across the garden and over the hedge into the field beyond. He was gone. He will not come back, and he has left me more hungry than *Oliver Twist* for more. What a voice! What a joyous, luscious, challenging stave! I would give him a pound of cherries for even that brief spell of ravishing music. Nay, he could strip the whole tree. The blackbirds and thrushes will strip it, anyhow. . . . I have heard many orators, but never a one that was as pleasant to listen to as the little Blackcap I heard amongst the cherry flowers."

Whilst cycling the other day I was struck by the beautiful song from a hedge near Coalpit Heath of a bird which at times made me think it was a linnet, another time it would give out a few notes which resembled a greenfinch, so I dismounted a few yards further up the road, and came back stealthily to get a glimpse of the bird, and to my surprise it was a beautiful Blackcap, and it kept flitting in and out of the hedge, singing all the while, and it made me feel eager to have such a fine songster in my birdroom, but as they are a delicate species to keep in captivity, I must be contented to hear it at large when occasion arises, but I shall never forget the beautiful song of the blackcap; we often hear of people going long distances to hear the nightingale, but to my mind the blackcap is worth going a long way to hear. Only the other day some visitors were reported to have come over from America to hear our nightingale sing, and it was not long before they had their wishes fulfilled. Not many years since the nightingale was very rare, but the last few years they seem to be getting more plentiful. I have heard this year two at the Black Rocks, Stapleton, three in the woods of the Stoke Park Estate, Stapleton; also at Hambrook and Winterbourne. Many people are unaware of the bird life that can be found along the glen of the River Frome; some of our rarest birds can be found there; in fact, I don't know of a more popular place where the song of bird life can be heard to its full extent. Some of the rarer birds I have seen and heard there include the Grasshopper Warbler, Dipper, Kingfisher, Hawfinch, Wheatear, Flycatcher, Nuthatch, Bearded Tit, Owl, Whitethroat, Spotted Woodpecker, Tree Creeper, etc., etc., so that if you are interested in bird life I commend you to the Glen at Stapleton, and you will be rewarded in





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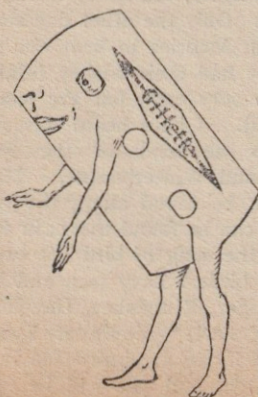
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full. I often wonder what Shakespeare would have written about bird life if he had only been a native of Stapleton, yet so many people pass that way without taking note of what a charming effect the birds add to such excellent woodlands, with its ever-rolling river beneath, here and there we meet the river falling over rugged stones, with a Dipper or Kingfisher waiting for its prey, maybe a minnow or gudgeon; also the Grey and Yellow Wagtail swaying its tail to and fro while searching for insects around the wet stones; also the Swallow skimming the surface of the water, catching the small flies as it goes, or at times taking a splash on the surface of the water for a toilet; they seem to revel in it, and many are unaware that the Swallow takes his bath while on the wing in this manner.

The wretched weather of April and early May has proved disastrous in its effect on wild bird life as well as cage birds. In the open the wild birds which had started nesting before the cold snap have suffered severely, and thousands of clutches of eggs have come to nothing. Generally, however, the effect on wild bird life has been a delay in the nesting, and nests with fresh eggs have been two or three weeks later than usual. Many birds which had been kept back by the weather from building their nests have laid their eggs on the ground, and many others have used half-completed nests, but to-day I have seen a few young blackbirds and robins; they are generally the first young birds of the year.

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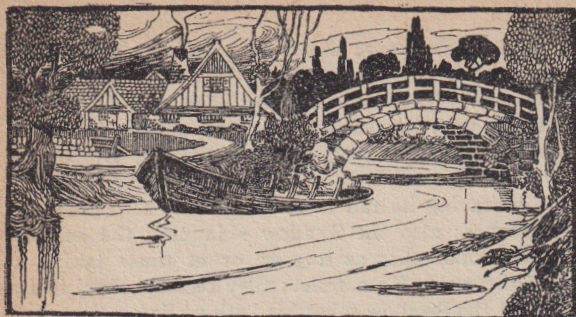
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## Cycling

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#### The May Past.

**W**HAT a glorious month of May! After the truly "all British" weather of April, May brought about a marvellous change in the out of doors prospects in the space of a few days. There was no spring this year. 'Twas winter right through the period which the calendar allots to the English spring. And summer came ere that winter's snow had quite disappeared, burst upon us and transformed the country scene in one short fortnight from cheerless leaflessness to verdant beauty and floral charm. Never did the country around Bristol appear more beautiful than during the last fortnight. Who that has cycled in that time about the Somerset district of Berrow, Lympsham, and so forth, can recall a year when the sight of hawthorn bloom and the gold of the buttercups in the meadows was more enchanting. White, gold and green, the trees and the fields seem to have conspired to express the energy pent up within them by the cold, east winds of what should have been spring, with a simultaneous floral display, and produce in the space of a few days what in normal seasons is the total effect of a whole month. And the result has surely never been excelled, or equalled even, within living memory.

#### A PRETTY RUN OF 56 MILES.

On a date in the penultimate week of the May of this year, the "Ancient," with a couple of lady friends, having a day to spare, midway of the week, thought of devoting it to a run to Bratton. With this intention we started, chosing the route via Staple Hill, Warmley, and Wick to Bath, but at Wick changed our minds and carried out the round run, which I shall describe, instead.

We had started at 9.30. There was a freshness in the morning air that made the riding altogether delightful, although one needed no great amount of prescience to decide that the day was to be a warm one later.

And the heat began to make itself felt when we were mounting Toghill—anciently Tughill, a more appropriate name for it—on the way to Marshfield. Many cars passed us whilst we walked this hill, and we ventured the guess that it must be market day at Marshfield, as by the type of most of them, we judged they would not be on their way to the King's Levee, or any function of an ultra fashionable sort.

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At Marshfield we found that it was Fair Day, though there did not appear to be any great concourse of men or animals, or amusements either, such as one usually associates with a country fair. Fat farmers, mules and "hosses" we noticed, but what amused me most, as it was now become a broiling hot day, was the perambulating emporium of a merchant in the "fish and chips" line.

But we did not linger long at Marshfield, and did not patronise the fish and chips merchant. What little money we spent at the fair went for liquid refreshment, I don't mind admitting.

On leaving, we anticipated a joy ride down into Ford that should compensate us for the long toil up through Wick and over Toghill. In this expectation we were disappointed. The road for nearly the whole four miles was newly tarred and gravelled, and instead of a free wheel spin it was a case of brakes on, and carefully picking our way through liquid tar and sharp quarry chippings about the size of hazel nuts, laid on thick.

This annoyance did not prevent us, all the same, from appreciating the sublime Alpine view that greets one on nearing the little village of Ford, and the beautiful valley through which the stream from Castle Combe maunders on its way to the bigger river and the sea.

From Ford our road tended upwards again, as we were making for Banner down and Colerne. At the top of Bannerdown we decided it must be lunch time, so found the shade of a small larch wood, with a glorious space of park land in the view, and settled down to the business of feeding. A rest afterwards, and next we moved to Colerne, that village whose church is so conspicuous a landmark on the other side of the hills to the traveller proceeding from Bath to Limpley Stoke. It is quite a considerable village, the said church is a fine one, and it also runs a big elementary school, we noticed.

Before reaching the point of the descent of Bannerdown into Bath-easton, the "shire stones" come into view by the roadside. These are three immense boulders, surmounted by a fourth, and mark the spot where the counties of Somerset, Gloucester, and Wilts meet. One of the ladies present, being her first visit, clambered to the top, and the other seized the occasion to "snap" her, reclining on the lithic boundary-mark.

It makes a grand drop into Batheaston (no new tar), though one has to be cautious on nearing the foot of the hill, as the main Bath-London road crosses it here.

Through to Bathford, and now we were in for another long climb, mostly rideable though, on our way to Bradford-on-Avon. More beautiful views of the Avon valley open up as we proceed. Much of the timber which formerly bordered this road has been felled and carted away during the late war, but some remains to make delightful shade on a sunny day, and to make a glance down some ground sloping away from the road towards the river reveal a fairyland of flower and leaf. We are told that this hill is locally known as "Sally-in-the-Wood," which accounts, perhaps, for the notice we observed nailed to a tree, "Man traps set here." Man traps! and the year is supposed to be 1922.



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From Freshford to the top of Limpley Stoke hill meant more footing it, followed by the slice of free-wheeling to Monkton Combe, at the viaduct. We had gone out on one side of the Avon Valley, and were on the opposite one until Bath was neared.

At Bath a slight shower synchronised with slight liquid refreshment, a most convenient arrangement. We are never enamoured of the most-used Bath-Bristol road. I mean the road through Keynsham, Brislington and Lower Knowle, with its heavy traffic, and its views and savours of the refuse destructor, patent manure, and kindred buildings, where are produced many commodities that are necessary adjuncts to civilised society, but which, in themselves, cannot be claimed as things of beauty, though possibly "joys for ever" to their proprietors; so we returned by way of Upper Weston, Kelston, Bitton, Warmley, and St. George. We know that the mere suggestion of this route would frighten certain timid cyclist friends of ours, but we found it not only more free—quite free for the most part—of traffic, but more enjoyable withall.

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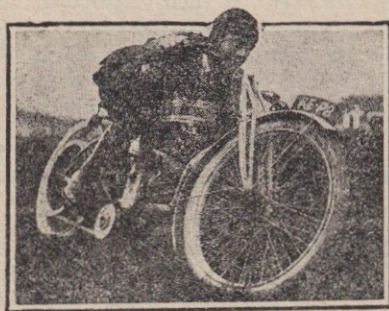


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## BOWLS.

CANFORD v. CLEVEDON.

EXTRAORDINARY LOW SCORING ON ONE RINK.

Delightful weather favoured the fixture on Saturday afternoon between the above clubs, the game being played on the Canford Park green at Westbury-on-Trym. An outstanding feature of the play was that which took place on Rink 1, where the first 12 consecutive ends yielded only 12 points—e.g., 1 point per end—5 of these being obtained by the Clevedon string, and 7 by Canford. These one-point figures were getting somewhat monotonous to the scorers, so after the twelve 1's had been registered the home quartette succeeded in getting in 2—at the 13th end—and Clevedon followed this up in the next venture by a 3, this being the highest figure reached on this rink. Canford added 2 more before the tea interval arrived, and at this stage were up (15th end), 11—8. Contrary to usual custom Clevedon played up better after tea, and captured four successive ends for 5, thus giving them a lead of 13—11. Canford equalised in the next round, 13—13, and Clevedon getting in 2 on the last essay finished up by this margin, after a strenuous game in which both sides did their level best to prevent each other from piling up the figures. The total of 28 points for all players on one rink is one of the lowest on record, and shows the keenness in the game displayed by the participants. It was a champion game throughout, and it is doubtful whether finer play, as indicated by the scoring, was seen in the Somerset v. Australians' match at Weston-super-Mare. Play on Rink 2 was, with two exceptions, decidedly one-sided so far as the play was concerned, for after losing the first four ends for 12, the last 10 ends yielded only 2 singles to Clevedon. The exceptions referred to were when at the fifth end the Clevedon quartette won three ends in succession for 6, and later a 4 and 1 at the 10th and 11th ends respectively. The scoring on this rink, with two singles in addition, therefore favoured Canford by 35—13, a margin of 22 points. Better form was shown on Clevedon's third rink, where after losing the first two ends for 2, they captured four successive heads for 7. Two rounds later the rival teams were on level terms at 7—7. From this stage onwards the play was all in favour of the seersiders up to the 15th head, when they found themselves up to the extent of 29—10. There were then only two more ends to go and in these Canford succeeded in getting in 5 and 3 respectively, which considerably improved their position, but at the same time left their opponents up by 11 points (29—18). A more equal game, apparently, was played on Rink 4, where on three occasions the rival teams found themselves on level terms, viz., 5th end, 6—6; 12th end, 12—12; and 17th end, 18—18. Keener play was experienced in the last four ventures, which yielded three points for Canford to 1 for Clevedon, placing the home side up by 2 points only, 21—19. Thus

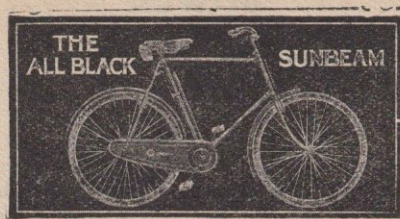
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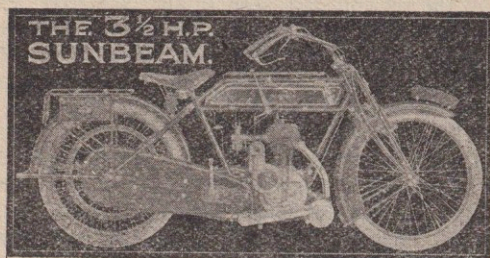
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Clevedon had two rinks up and 2 down, the result of the match being 11 points to the credit of the Canford combination. Details :—

## CANFORD.

Rink 1.—P. Gardiner, T. Jones, J. W. Robison, J. Scott ... ..	13
Rink 2.—A. G. Pepworth, T. R. Lambert, J. Tristem, A. D. Ambrose...	35
Rink 3.—E. A. Fisher, F. R. Griffiths, S. Rosser, F. R. Bailey ...	18
Rink 4.—H. T. Roberts, H. Lavis, C. Dando, F. S. Gardner ... ..	21
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Total ... ..	87

## CLEVEDON.

Rink 1.—H. Currie, J. J. Manley, W. G. Sercombe, C. R. Wheatcroft	15
Rink 2.—C. C. Seckington (capt.), E. Dawes, H. Maine, J. Bennett ...	13
Rink 3.—C. W. Purnell, A. G. Lucas, G. Sibley, W. J. C. Bryant ...	29
Rink 4.—T. W. Munden, J. H. Pye, G. Marshall, E. R. V. Sims ...	19
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Total ... ..	76

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE v. SOMERSET.

The county bowling teams of Gloucestershire and Somerset met at the Greyfriars Green, Gloucester, when the home team won by 40 shots. The first five ends went straight in favour of Gloucestershire, and at the 10th end the lead had been increased by three points, the board then reading : Somerset 52, Gloucestershire 69. The next five ends told the same tale, for the home county proceeded to add to their lead in no uncertain fashion, the position at the 15th end being : Somerset 71, Gloucestershire 106. The last six ends went still in favour of Gloucestershire, who won as stated. Scores :—

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

1.—S. Larnier, W. W. Teakle, J. Mercer, E. Moore ... ..	19
2.—H. J. Dalchin, D. Price, A. R. Allen, W. Harris ... ..	15
3.—L. Russell, C. Withers, T. E. Goddard, A. D. Lanley ... ..	25
4.—E. M. Goddard, W. Goddard, J. Crankshaw, F. Willis ... ..	33
5.—F. Fowler, S. E. Simpson, Dr. Robertson, F. Fisher ... ..	23
6.—J. Blackwell, E. Rust, A. Jones, C. Shermer ... ..	25
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Total ... ..	140

## SOMERSET.

1.—A. A. Airston, F. Whitehead, A. Crocker, O. Windebank ... ..	28
2.—A. E. Penny, S. Brown, C. N. Denman, C. R. Runnicles ... ..	19
3.—W. H. Browning, F. Kiddle, H. T. Moxham, T. H. Rice ... ..	13
4.—A. Wheeler, A. Pearce, F. Shell, F. G. Adlam ... ..	12
5.—A. Waters, J. B. Parker, F. E. Morrish, G. Wear ... ..	12
6.—T. Govier, W. Smele, A. M. Portch, W. N. Wake ... ..	16
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Total ... ..	100

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## BRISTOL MUNICIPAL OFFICERS v. CANFORD.

Following their victory over Weston-super-Mare Urban District Council and Officials, the Bristol Corporation and Officials met Canford, at Canford Park, the game ending in a tie. Scores :—

## B.M.O.A.

1.—A. P. Lawson, C. G. Cooper, A. McGowan, A. P. Holden ...	...	...	14
2.—A. H. Gwilliam, H. J. Hooper, R. Hazelton, A. E. King ...	...	...	20
3.—C. A. Moretti, E. J. Taylor, J. W. Robison, J. Oates. ...	...	...	19
4.—H. H. Gulley, A. W. Gaye, C. Dando, A. D. Ambrose ...	...	...	9
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Total ...	...	...	62

## CANFORD.

1.—H. Jones, A. Harford, T. Lambert, J. Scott ...	...	...	14
2.—H. T. Roberts, A. Wills, W. Rosser, F. S. Gardner ...	...	...	10
3.—W. H. B. Reed, J. Curry, H. Fisher, F. R. Bailey ...	...	...	13
4.—H. J. Machin, A. G. Pepforth, J. Tristem, E. F. Higgins ...	...	...	25
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Total ...	...	...	62

## BRISTOL CORPORATION WIN AT WESTON.

An enjoyable game was played on the Clarence green at Weston-super-Mare, between teams representative of the Bristol Corporation and Officials and the Weston Urban District Council and Officials. Prior to the match the chairman of the Weston Council, Mr. E. S. Stradling, entertained the players to tea in the park pavilion. The Bristolians won by 18 shots.

## BRISTOL v. BURNHAM-ON-SEA.

On the Bristol Green. Scores :—

## BRISTOL.

1.—Whittington, Turnbull, Priscott, Mereweather ...	...	...	11
2.—Hawkins, Parson, Morrish, Dunn ...	...	...	28
3.—Slocombe, Woolley, Combe, Wear ...	...	...	19
4.—Waters, Stephens, Venn, Ewens ...	...	...	23
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Total ...	...	...	81

## BURNHAM-ON-SEA.

1.—King, Batt, Harrison, Pleass ...	...	...	35
2.—Horwood, Eyon, Clapp, Croal ...	...	...	12
3.—Cox, Salisbury, Taylor, Baker ...	...	...	16
4.—Watkins, Smith, Geats, Petherick ...	...	...	14
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Total ...	...	...	77

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## BRISTOL ARROW v. SYDNEY GARDENS (BATH).

On the Arrow Green Scores :—

## BRISTOL ARROW.

1.—Crocker, Richards, Hind, Rickards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
2.—Jones, Hooper, Ormiston, Hill	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
3.—Osborne, Emery, Morris, Oates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
4.—Gliddon, Bittle, Pidgeon, Challenger	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
									—
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	112

## SYDNEY GARDENS, (BATH).

1.—Lawrence, Davies, Lawrence, North	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
2.—Pitt, Busby, Clare, England	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
3.—Perry, Bush, Baker, Fishlock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
4.—Large, Hawkins, Hooper, Whitehead	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
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Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	63

## CANFORD v. KNOWLE.

Played on the Canford Green, on Saturday, 3rd June, 1922, resulting in a win for Canford by 20 points. Scores :—

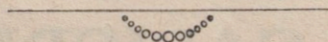
## CANFORD.

1. A. G. Pepworth, T. Jones, T. R. Lambert, F. R. Bailey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
2.—H. J. Machin, A. T. Curtler, C. Dando, F. S. Gardner	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
3.—P. Gardiner, E. G. Taylor, E. A. Fisher, A. D. Ambrose	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
4.—C. A. Morretti, W. H. B. Reed, J. W. Robison, H. Beard	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
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Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	90

## KNOWLE.

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	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
†Shirehampton ... ..	22	19	1	2	80	21	40
*Avonleigh ... ..	22	19	3	0	85	13	38
East Bristol Y.M.C.A. ...	22	13	7	2	58	39	28
Winterbourne ... ..	22	13	8	1	67	41	27
Mangotsfield ... ..	22	13	9	0	63	42	26
Rechabites ... ..	22	12	9	1	46	41	25
Kingswood Congregational ...	22	9	11	2	48	50	20
Eastville U.M. ... ..	22	7	14	1	41	67	15
Horfield United Juniors ...	22	7	14	1	39	70	15
Wick ... ..	22	5	13	2	33	68	12
Factory Street ... ..	22	3	17	2	26	74	8
St. Werburgh's ... ..	22	2	18	2	20	81	6

† Champions.

\* Runners-up.

**DIVISION 2.**

†Bedminster Wesleyans ...	20	15	2	3	69	29	33
*Derhams ... ..	20	12	4	4	75	26	28
Avonleigh II. ... ..	20	11	4	5	51	22	27
University ... ..	20	11	4	5	51	22	27
*Midland Railway ... ..	20	10	3	7	61	28	25
Luckwell ... ..	20	9	9	2	38	36	20
Dings ... ..	20	9	9	2	45	46	20
Ashton Athletic ... ..	20	5	9	6	19	30	16
Newtown Athletic ... ..	20	3	14	2	19	75	9
Park Villa ... ..	20	2	15	3	20	71	7
Rechabites ... ..	20	1	16	3	1	102	5

† Champions.

\* Runners-up.

\*Two points deducted, ineligible.

**DIVISION 3.**

†Shirehampton ... ..	20	18	0	2	69	13	38
*Victoria United ... ..	20	16	3	1	73	16	33
Victoria Athletic ... ..	20	15	3	2	63	21	32
Easton Road U.M. ... ..	20	11	7	2	46	34	24
St. Silas ... ..	20	9	6	5	53	24	23
Luckwell O.B. ... ..	20	8	9	3	47	45	19
Baptist Mills... ..	20	5	13	2	27	57	12
East Bristol Y.M.C.A. ...	20	4	13	3	28	64	11
Avonmouth ... ..	20	3	13	4	31	72	10
Langtonians ... ..	20	2	12	6	25	72	10
Mount Tabor ... ..	20	2	14	4	13	56	8

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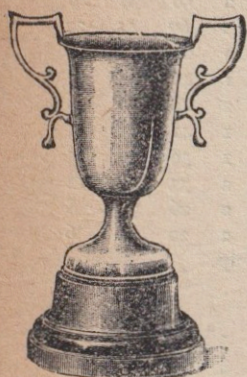


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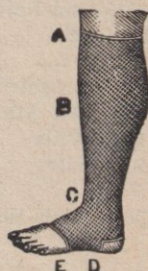
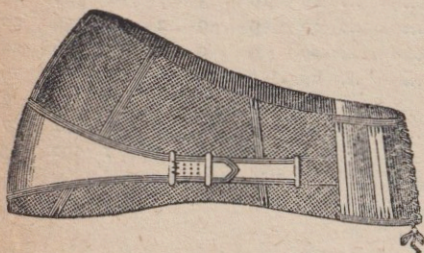
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\* \* \* \* \*

Are Western League Reserve teams infra-dig?

\* \* \* \* \*

If not now, why previously?

\* \* \* \* \*

Is a short memory an asset under the circumstances?

\* \* \* \* \*

Which member of the Council drew the fourth home in a Derby sweepstake?

\* \* \* \* \*

Did he pay out on the evening paper's incorrect finishers?

\* \* \* \* \*

Wouldn't the lady refund?

\* \* \* \* \*

Or was he too courteous to ask?

\* \* \* \* \*

Which referee tried to see a final on the Rovers' Ground "on the nod"?

\* \* \* \* \*

If successful at the ground entrance, why did he fail at the enclosure?

\* \* \* \* \*

Did he imagine every former member of the Council is entitled to a free pass for life?

\* \* \* \* \*

Which club has the best assets?

\* \* \* \* \*

And which the best liabilities?

\* \* \* \* \*

Which umpire has never given a decision against his own club?

\* \* \* \* \*

Has he been recommended as a prospective paid League Umpire?

\* \* \* \* \*

Where will all the extra League matches be played next season?

\* \* \* \* \*

Isn't 17 too many clubs in a division, especially when some have to chance park pitches?

\* \* \* \* \*

How many clubs did fulfil their fixtures last season?

\* \* \* \* \*

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\* \* \* \* \*

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\* \* \* \* \*

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\* \* \* \* \*

Who was the lucky batsman, and why did his captain only arrange and count six runs?

\* \* \* \* \*

Was it jealousy or tact?

\* \* \* \* \*

Which League will make the most changes in its officials for next season?

\* \* \* \* \*

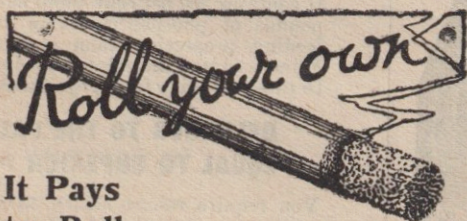
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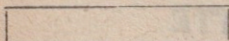
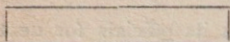
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	3rd Round.....	December 9th, 1922
	Semi-Finals.....	March 17th, 1923
	Final.....	April or May, 1923
JUNIOR.....	1st Round.....	October 14th, 1922
	2nd Round.....	October 28th, 1922
	3rd Round.....	November 11th, 1922
	4th Round.....	November 25th, 1922
	5th Round.....	December 9th, 1922
	6th Round.....	December 23rd, 1922
	7th Round.....	January 6th, 1923
	Semi-Finals.....	March 3rd, 1923
	Final.....	April or May, 1923
NORTHERN SENIOR (AMATEUR).....	1st Round.....	October 21st, 1922
	2nd Round.....	November 11th, 1922
	3rd Round.....	December 2nd, 1922
	4th Round.....	January 6th, 1923
	Semi-Finals.....	February 10th, 1923
	Final in April.	
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	2nd Round.....	December 6th, 1922
	3rd Round.....	January 3rd, 1923
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	" "	March 7th, 1923
	Final.....	April 4th, 1923
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Rule 5. Delete "Past or," line 4.

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**The following Alterations of Rules regarding the Cup Competitions have been passed by the Council.**

**SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION.**

Rule 5. Line 2—Substitute "Bristol City's" for "Bristol Rover's," and "April 16th or 18th, 1923," for "April 3rd or 5th, 1922." Line 2—Substitute "1923-24" for "1922-23," and "Bristol Rover's" for "Bristol City's."

**SENIOR (AMATEUR) CUP COMPETITION.**

Rule 4. Delete "They" to "Council." Add at end of Rule, "on payment of a fee of 7/6."

**JUNIOR CUP COMPETITION.**

Rule 21. Delete that part of Rule regarding the Council appointing and taking charge of the Semi-Final ties.

**NORTHERN JUNIOR CUP COMPETITION.**

**Alter title to "NORTHERN SENIOR (AMATEUR) CUP COMPETITION."**

Rule 2. Insert after "clubs," line 2, "which are classified Junior."

Rule 3. Delete "four," line 2. Add "(e) sub-sections to be formed if necessary."

Rule 4. Line 6—insert "Southern" before "Senior (Amateur)."

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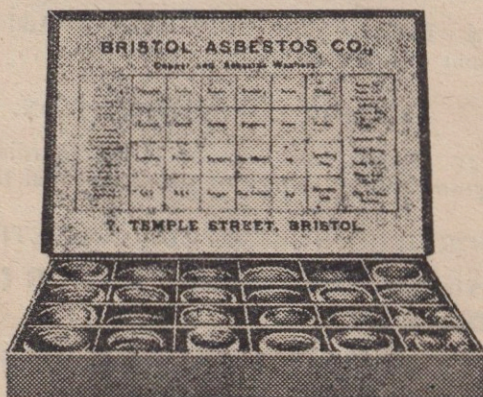
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Rule 10. Line 10—delete “semi-finals,” and substitute “tie” for “round.”

Rule 21. Delete that part of Rule regarding the Council appointing and taking charge of the Semi-Final ties.

### MINOR CUP COMPETITION.

Rule 9. Line 11—delete “semi-final,” and substitute “tie” for “ties.”

### NORTHERN MINOR CUP COMPETITION.

**Alter title to “NORTHERN JUNIOR CUP COMPETITION.”**

Rule 2. Insert after “clubs,” line 2, “which are classified Minor.”

Rule 3. Delete “four,” line 2. Add, “(e) sub-sections to be formed if necessary.”

Rule 10. Delete “semi-final,” and substitute “tie” for “rounds.”

### SCHOOLS SHIELD COMPETITION.

Rule 5. Delete “40,” and insert “35.” Add “Final tie to be played 40 minutes each way.”

Rule 6. Delete, and substitute “Boys must not be over 14 years of age after the last Friday in August in each year.”

### SENIOR (AMATEUR) CUP COMPETITION JUNIOR

### NORTHERN SENIOR (AMATEUR) CUP COMPETITION.

WEDNESDAY

MINOR

NORTHERN JUNIOR

COL. WOODCOCK'S YOUTHS SHIELD CUP COMPETITION.

Dates to be altered.

Extra time in replay matches, “15 minutes each way,” to be inserted.

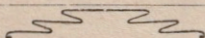
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Re-Protests, delete “be found to be frivolous,” and substitute “be not upheld.”



Late Starts, delete "liable to a minimum fine," and substitute "fined 5/- [Senior (Amateur), Junior, Northern Senior (Amateur), Wednesday Competitions], and 2/6 (Minor, Northern Junior, Col. Woodcock's Youths' Shield Competitions).

**Re-Ineligible Players, delete Rule, and substitute, "Any Club proved to have played an ineligible player or players shall be fined a sum not exceeding £2 2s., and expelled from the Competition. No player can be registered after the semi-final ties.**



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SINCE last football season we have received many complaints that our Magazine bears the hall-mark throughout as representative only of the views of League or County Officials and Referees. We took the opportunity of requesting some of those complaining to write us their ideas on various subjects, with the result that this month we are able to publish some interesting articles on various Football Topics. They are well worth considering, whether we agree or disagree with the views expressed, and our pages are open for anyone to comment upon them.

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Clubs affiliated to the G.F.A. are specially requested to impress upon their members the following important instructions issued to Referees :—

"Linesmen who observe incidents on the field of play likely to bring the game into disrepute must, if such incidents have not come under the notice of the Referee, immediately report them to him. Should a Referee fail to report misconduct which comes under his notice, and it is proved to the satisfaction of the Council that such misconduct was of a nature that required investigation, he shall be suspended, or otherwise dealt with."

"In all cases in which players are cautioned the Referee must, when the Clubs to which the Players belong are in Full Membership with the Football Association, report to that Association, and in all other cases to the County Association with which the Clubs are in Membership."

The above are two very important alterations in the Laws of the Football Association.

Referees must report immediately every case in which they find it necessary to administer a caution.

A. F. DAVIS, *Gen. Sec.*

There is no hardship for anyone in this. If everyone played the game there would be no need for cautions.

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In spite of everything that has been said and done, once again a very big majority of clubs delayed the payment of their affiliation fees until the very last moment. Many referees were similarly dilatory. The culprits number generally those who would be the first to complain of any delay by members of the Council. In this respect one feels that the G.F.A. would be justified in adopting harsh measures.

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Dut Dame Fortune again took a hand, and Mrs. Tomkin, who up to the present had never been able to catch anything, caught the same disease. Secure now for another few weeks, Mr. Tomkin was able to contemplate his own imminent recovery with much more equanimity. Could Fortune do more for her most favoured child? She could! She did!

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Always a thoughtful and affectionate husband, Mr. Tomkin begged that the fortunate turn of affairs should be communicated to his wife, with a warning that she should not worry herself to visit him until she had experienced the full benefit of her profitable malady. He also recommended that when eventually she ventured out, she should choose

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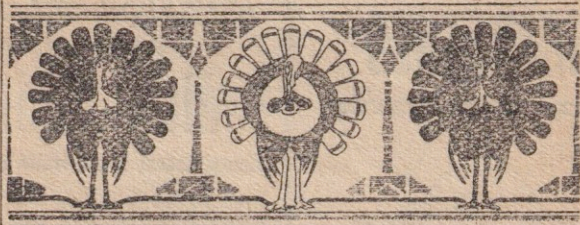


a day when traffic was heaviest—if raining so much the better—and that she should neglect no opportunity of crossing the roads.

After she had drawn the last £10, Mrs. Tomkin, faithful to her husband's instructions, chose a day so excellent in promise, that sanguine of success, she included the house-key in an envelope and registered it to herself, care of the Hospital Casualty Ward. The time of her setting out was 4.23 p.m. By 4.37 p.m. she had successfully achieved an accident, and an hour later, minus her right leg, was sleeping happily beneath the same roof as her husband, with a cheque for five hundred guineas under her pillow.

It is alleged that the Proprietors of the *Daily Dial*, not unnaturally regarding the adventures of this worthy couple with great interest, have offered them a generous allowance, conditional upon their agreeing to reside in some part of the world not yet covered by the terms of the *Daily Dial* Insurance Scheme.

Mr. Tomkin, however, when approached by our representative, stated that no such offer had been made. He intimates, too, that he has already planned during the coming season for himself and Mrs. Tomkin to be extensive travellers by train, and he is by no means without hope that the *Grand Prix* of the Insurance Scheme will yet be his—or hers—or their heirs or assigns.



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when being judged. The bird doesn't do itself justice if it won't stand and show off its good points, and many a good bird has to stand cardless through neglect of training. One of the most serious faults in a badly trained Yorkshire, for instance, is that it is apt to throw its wings across one another, and instead of standing erect and fearless it generally crouches across the perch, and very often this same bird, if properly trained, would show these good points to advantage, and, perhaps, get the red ticket. How often do we hear it said after judging that the majority of fanciers would prefer the second or even the third prize bird to the first; but how often do we hear the remark that it would not stand when being judged, and to my way of thinking the judge is not always to blame in his award.

We will now pass on to the early shows, and I might say that those fanciers who have got early birds through the moult are now waiting to make a plunge for the first shows, and some, I see, are advertised for this month (September). These shows are good for some, but bad for others, as they are not ready for them (or rather, their birds). Most birds will not be ready before the October and November shows, and many birds that win a first prize at early shows are let down when the majority of fanciers "come out."

According to the programme, Bristol fanciers will have a busy time during September and October, as no fewer than four shows will be held locally, viz., Yate, Eastville, Frome, and Bristol Cage Birds. Frome Show will be held on September 27th, when Mr. F. J. Ambrose will judge, and schedules may now be obtained of Mr. C. I. Young, Frome, Somerset. Yate will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 10th and 11th, in the C.E. Schools. There are 16 classes for cage birds; four novice; judge, Mr. Greenslade; prize money, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. with entrance fee 1s. 6d., schedules for which may be obtained from Mr. C. W. Hicks, 3 Jubilee Terrace, Yate. I am given to understand that this Society is putting up a Silver Cup for the best unflighted Yorkshire, won by a member. The trophy is to be perpetual, but a medal is to be given to the winner, and his or her name will be engraved on it each year. This Society is now only in its third year, and relies chiefly on local support at present, and it is up to Bristol fanciers to see that the cage birds section is well maintained, and I feel sure that if this is forthcoming there is a good future for the Yate cage birds section.

Eastville will hold their Show this year at St. Lawrence Hall, some time in October, and Bristol C.B. at Drill Hall, October 25th and 26th.

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## Cycling Notes

### The Alleged Summer

I WONDER where the brilliant imbecile who predicted a hotter and drier summer this year, than that of 1921, is hiding his diminished head. Let us hope that it is in the wettest spot, say Manchester or Stroud, in the British Isles. May he be enjoying two or three inches of rain per diem, and may his holiday be a complete washout. Or, may he have a similar experience, on his "summer" holiday, to that of a friend of ours, who had a fortnight in Scotland. "Only one shower during the whole fortnight," said he. "It was raining when I arrived, it rained all the while of my stay, and it was raining when I left. But it was the same shower."

Not one real summer day, so far, for this year. By real summer, I mean the kind of weather when the sun blazes away all day, without the atmosphere being oppressive, and when the shades of evening fall, and night draws near, one feels that it would be simply delicious to sleep out of doors, on the lawn, or on the flower-bed—never minding slugs, earwigs, etc.—anywhere, in fact, outside the house, so that one might appreciate the fragrance on the still warm air to the full.

No such experience, up to date, in the present alleged summer, has fallen to our lot in this part of old England. The one solitary sultry evening of the year brought rain along with it, a steady downpour, that caught many cyclists, more or less unawares, on their return from their Saturday afternoon runs.

Whiles, the country round about, save where corn is ripening, is looking fresh and verdant as in spring-time, although we have gathered mushrooms of the variety in season in October, on our vagrom cycling days. This whilst the summer was still young, and the whortleberries

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on the hills barely ripe. Yet I am not grouching over the weather. With others, the "Ancient" has sustained a wetting several times during the past few weeks when awheel, but these incidents have not been so many or so serious as to cause him to forget the pleasure he has derived from his pursuit of the Pastime—between the raindrops—so to speak.

Undeterred, at any rate, by past experience, and although at the moment a soaking wet day is nearing its conclusion, I am hopefully anticipating a tour through Wales during next Bank Holiday week. I am going to venture—with my wife—over the same, or very much the same, ground where such disastrous weather followed us up this time last year. Four and a half days of heavy rain, out of the eight we were away, and two and a half of the remainder rough and stormy, we encountered, as readers of the *Sportsman* may remember. We shall surely not run into worse weather this time, at any rate, and I am laying myself twenty to one—in German marks—that we run into better. Wild, West, and Wet Wales I dubbed the district last year, but this time, if I write up the tour on our return—I am touching wood with both hands, penholder with one hand, head with the other—it's going to be Wild and West Wales only.

#### THE N.C.U. RALLY.

I looked in at the "Prince of Orange," Yatton, at tea-time on the occasion of the Cyclists' Rally, arranged by the Bristol Centre of the N.C.U. Considering that the day was one of the roughest of this very rough summer season, the presence of 173 at the tea-table must have proved very gratifying to the Officials of the gathering.

Although the afternoon provided very little rain after a stormy morning, a full-sized gale raged all the time. Under such circumstances, this big muster of riders—only about twenty, I am informed, found other means of reaching Yatton—goes to show that there are still some cyclists in our neighbourhood who put their machines to other purposes than merely riding to their employment, or to cricket or tennis.

Instancing the fierceness of the gale, on leaving Yatton, my companion and I free-wheeled practically the whole way from the Hotel, via Ken Moor, to the rise into Old Nailsea. The road in places was thickly strewn with leaves torn from the trees and hedges, and where orchards abutted on the roadway, our wheels were skidding amongst heaps of little apples, untimely blown from the trees.

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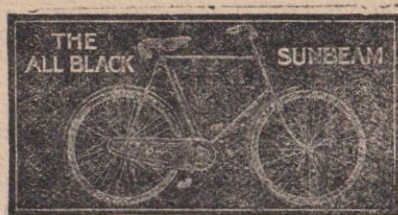


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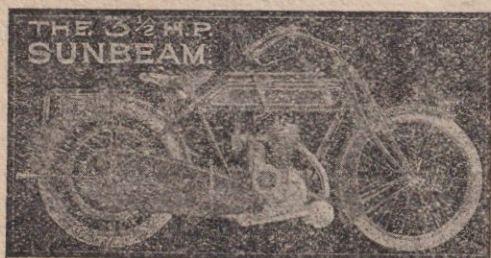
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We were cyclists five and motorists four, who foregathered at Salisbury on the Saturday evening. Three of us, of the first-named, made a day of it to reach Salisbury from Bristol. We got away about 10 in the morning, choosing the Newton-St.-Loe and Midford route to Frome. After Frome we made for Longleat as our way to Warminster. Longleat was magnificent on this day, in its spring garb. We'd a foretaste of the splendour to come on entering by the gateway on the Frome road, and prior to crossing the more open park land to Heaven's Gate. From Heaven's Gate down to Shearwater the masses of rhododendron blossom, together with hawthorn and laburnum, the ground still carpeted with the blue of the wild hyacinth, provided a display of floral wealth of colour which drew frequent ejaculations of astonished delight from my lady companions, as we passed through.

We took Stonehenge and Amesbury on our way to Salisbury. I had not been over the Plain since Whitsun, 1914, previously, and was rather curious to discover how much, or how little, this big expanse of downland had been transfigured by the late presence of a mighty army. I found it not greatly altered in appearance. Many miles of iron fences, where formerly there was none, widened roads, and within sight of old Stonehenge itself, a big camp, I suppose it is termed, but a mushroom city would be a more appropriate description.

We mooned about Stonehenge awhile, and then passed on to Amesbury, where we found an excellent cup of tea. From Amesbury to Salisbury the road, wide and in splendid condition after reaching the top of the first hill out, gave us grand going, and we reached the destination feeling quite pleased with the world in general, and ourselves in particular. At Salisbury we eventually fixed up at the "Red Lion," a house known of old to B.M. and M.C. tourists. They did us very well, if not too cheaply.

On Sunday the cyclists, five in number now, got away a bit before the motorists. We found the roads very loose in places before reaching Fordingbridge, where we halted to admire the view of the river, and watch a fly-fisherman catch—nothing.

At Ringwood somebody suggested a "drink," but the writer said "No, 'tis but three miles to "Picket Post," the name of an inn well on the road in the New Forest, and near to where we had projected taking our picnic lunch. So we proceeded. It's rather a long climb from Ringwood to "Picket Post," and I'm afraid some of the party developed

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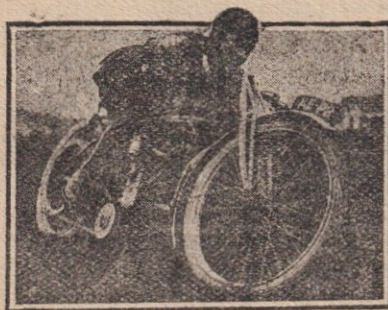


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a thirst ere reaching it. Arrived, and it was discovered that "Picket Post" is no longer a licensed house, cherry ginger ale, and such like exciting thirst quenchers only being on sale. It was fully lunch time, too, and the next house, even if this was not now turned teetotal, some miles further on, and the writer must admit the great forbearance of his colleagues, in that they did not reproach him, at any rate, not very enormously. There was a grand view of the more open part of the Forest country from the spot where we lunched, on a fine clear day including the Isle of Wight, but to-day the heat haze precluded our sighting so far.

We dropped down the hill, to see the Rufus Stone (enclosed in an iron case) and found a big crowd of excursionists doing the same, whilst gypsy and other hawkers, mostly children, were in evidence, selling postcards, sweets, etc., on the spot where William the Red met his Nemesis.

The roads had been very bad as far as Stony Cross, loose flints, for the most of the way, quite of the old order of things in this district. From here to Lyndhurst we found them much better—limestone and tar. Tea at a delectable little "Pension" on the outskirts of Lyndhurst, a visit to the church, with its famous altar-piece, by Lord Leighton, and a further ride through most charming woodland scenes, brought Lymington, and our abiding place for that night, and the night to follow.

We had previously fixed up at the "Angel," a very comfortable house, in every respect. Lymington isn't much of a town, possibly, but it suited us, as not likely to be overcrowded, and with the long stretch of fine beach from Hurst Point to Milton, within easy reach.

On Monday we had a lazy day. We wanted to be where a big holiday crowd was not. So we got no further than Milton, after lounging away an hour on the beach at Milford-on-Sea. Then we came back to Hordle Cliff, and at this delightful part of the coast, took our (picnic again) lunch. There was no crowd here, a few motors strewn about, their occupants engaged like ourselves, a few cyclists, a few young people, walkers, and that was all. With an interrupted view of some three or more miles of beach, at any point, in no case during the day could a hundred people have been sighted over the whole ground. And yet we were within a few miles of Bournemouth, with a superb stretch of pebble and sand, and just across there the Isle of Wight and its "Needles," making a bold sea picture that it was good to feast the eyes upon.

Back to Lymington, after this lazy day, by 7.30, found a sumptuous dinner awaiting us. Mine host evidently knew his guests, and the effect which the sea breezes, and cold lunch, would have upon their appetites. Afterwards a stroll round the environs of the town, a return to the hotel, a "what's your drink?" all round, and it was bed-time.

Tuesday morning dawned, and alas! most of our party had to be going home. The cyclists took the road to Christchurch for Salisbury. The motorists followed later, and passed them on the way. At Salisbury the three cyclists who made a day of it on the Saturday, made their

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way to Amesbury again, they having the Wednesday also in their holiday, the other two returning to Bristol that same evening. From Amesbury "we three" rode on to Pewsey,, where we put up for the night. The next day found us doing the grand avenues and glades of Savernake, the Marlboro' Downs, and Calne, Chippenham, Bath, and so Home.

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### "REAR LAMPS" POSTPONED.

#### NO POWER TO IMPOSE SUCH REGULATIONS.

"Viscount Curzon asked the Minister of Transport in the Commons whether, in view of the recent serious accident which occurred at Enfield, resulting in two deaths, where the coroner stated that the accident was caused by a cyclist not carrying a rear light, whether rear-light regulations would not be imposed upon cyclists.

"Mr. Neal, Minister of Transport, said there was no power at present for him to impose such regulations, and he feared that it would not be possible to introduce legislation on the subject this session.

"Viscount Curzon: Does it not amount to this, that pending his department doing something in the matter, road-users have to run the greatest possible risk? No answer was given.

"Mr. Howard Gritten asked whether it was not a fact that more accidents occurred when cyclists used rear lights than when the regulation was abolished, and whether it was a fact that more accidents and deaths were caused by motor-car users in three days than by 4,050,000 cyclists in the whole year?

"Mr. Neal: No, sir, I am not aware of either of these things."

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#### A CLUB PROTECTION SOCIETY.

THE F.A. and the various County Associations seem to be under the impression that instead of being simply controlling bodies for the good of the "soccer code," they are the masters of everybody connected with the game. This attitude may be all well and good when dealing with the professional side, but it is becoming more and more disturbing to the small amateur clubs, and unless these latter take some action in protest, they will inevitably go to the wall. Instead of matches being played in the same sporting manner as in former years, since the war the "you mus'nt do this," and "mus'nt do that," has predominated to such an extent, that the smallest junior League game is contested in such a spirit of unfriendly rivalry that one shudders to think what the future has in store. What is the cause? Unhesitatingly, I state, too much officialdom and out and out bad refereeing. It is bad enough, in all conscience, having to play in a match controlled by someone who has not the faintest idea of the proper interpretation of football laws, but now there is a further bugbear to bear. A referee who *cautions* a player has now to report him. I am not dealing with the professional game now, but anyone connected with amateur sport will realise what this is going to lead to. Let a player hack, trip, ankle tap, etc., to his hearts' content, even if the referee does see it, the general punishment is simply the free kick. But let a player dispute or criticize a referee's decision, a caution is immediately forthcoming. We had an exhibition of this fact at certain Amateur Cup Ties on the Rovers' ground last season, but, unfortunately, Associations and Leagues supporting the idea that a referee's decision is final, the player is at all times the sufferer. Thorough sportsmen though the men on the Council may be, they base their verdicts on the idea that the referee is in the right always. Pick up any newspaper you like, dealing with football, and bad decisions are repeatedly quoted, but instead of the various Associations getting to the root of the trouble, and weeding out the weak referees, they prefer to keep their eyes closed to his faults, and grant him greater facilities for causing trouble. For there is little doubt that bad or weak refereeing is the cause of 90 per cent. of the troubles on the football field. Perhaps of the two, the weak referee is the worst, as he permits players to get out of hand, with dire

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results. So there are Referees' Associations, at which the rights of referees are considered, their fees discussed, and all matters affecting their interests advocated. Then there is the County Associations in which the players have no voice, and referees predominate. Why not, therefore, a Club Protection Society, with no referee or League official eligible for membership. The main point in their platform to be the unmasking of bad refereeing. As each referee sends in his *match* report to the League, so each secretary would send into this Protection Society his report of the *refereeing*. Any complaints could be properly investigated, and in the same way as the referee asks the County Association to suspend a *player*, the Society could request the suspension of a *referee*.

The many other grievances that League Clubs have, through over-officialdom, would make a sufficient subject for another article, but I hope these few lines have been the means of suggesting to clubs the many advantages such a Protection Society would offer.

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### AN INDEPENDENT LEAGUE.

We are informed, from a fairly reliable source, that an effort is to be made to establish, in Bristol, next season, an "Independent" League. Our informant, who has had many years experience of League football, thinks that the idea originated from a Clifton gentleman, who financed a small club last season. Although a keen supporter of our professional clubs, he was unacquainted with the local amateur side. He was flabbergasted at the amount demanded for League fees and for affiliation, and imagined the Treasurer was personally "on a good thing" when he presented the various items of expenditure. The weekly match expenses astonished him, and one Saturday he deserted professionalism to watch his own club. Now this gentleman knew the laws of football, inside and out, and to his astonishment found the referee appointed for this particular match was an employee, in a very insignificant position, who, to his way of thinking, was the last person likely to capably referee. Such proved the case, and when the sum of over 5s. had to be paid for fee and expenses the gentleman's eyes opened, and he made further inquiries, and to quote his own words: "These referees seem to get better pay on Saturday afternoons from the pocket money of youngsters than many earn in private life." He, there and then, offered a cup, and two sets of medals, if a League was formed which did not affiliate, and ran on independent lines. He is fully acquainted with the Amateur Football Association, which some years ago successfully dissociated from the F.A., and has worked out his scheme of a League on economical lines, with matches friendly contested, fair referees, and individual independence.

We wonder whether the idea will mature, and what effects for good or evil it would have.

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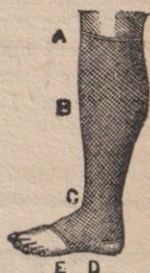
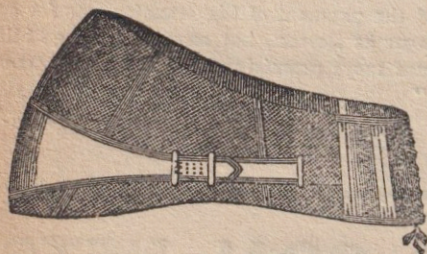
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## Sunday Games.

In this article I am not trying to advocate Sunday football, but simply to express my thoughts, in the hope that when a final decision has to be made by the Civic Authorities, it will not be based on the biased views of a limited few. There are too many total abstainers demanding prohibition, and so many non-smokers forbidding smoking, for us not to realise that it is always the "anti-this," and the "anti-that," who try to force their views upon everyone. So, just because in London, sanction has been given for the playing of games in the public parks on Sundays, various religious bodies, etc., in Bristol, immediately took the opportunity of passing resolutions against Sunday sport, forwarding them for publication in the local newspapers, and to the Town Council, although the matter had not then been put down for discussion. Thus, an opposition to Sunday games is organised before any attempt has been made to secure them. Such tactics enable this opposition to secure a mean advantage by trying to enforce their views, so giving them the appearance of being the opinions of the majority, instead of a limited few. But, although their efforts were premature, one must admit that these religious bodies were perfectly within their rights in voicing the *views* of their *actual members present*. On the other hand, in my opinion, the published version of the resolution passed at a Bristol and Suburban League meeting, and stated to *represent 4,000 players*, is unjustifiable. I take it that any resolution such as this passed at a League meeting is simply supported by those *present* at the meeting, and is an expression of their own personal feelings in the matter. THE REPRESENTATIVES HAD NO POWER TO PLEDGE ALL THEIR CLUB MEMBERS TO SUCH A RESOLUTION. Then how the 4,000 players? Was *every* club in the League represented? I certainly defy the clubs represented to produce their minute books authorising such a vote *before* that League meeting. Is this, therefore, properly constituted opposition to Sunday Games? I have seen this particular resolution quoted over and over again, and in one religious publication of high standing, ignorant of the actual facts, it is spreading broadcast an entirely erroneous impression. Of course, someone will try and justify the 4,000 mark, but even if *every* club representative concerned stated that he voiced the views of *all* his members, I should still *know* he was not stating facts.

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The only real objection to Sunday games is from a religious standpoint, and a football league meeting in a public house is hardly a suitable place for such a discussion. From my experience, football *speeches* (apart from the necessary questions and answers) are generally confined to the League officials. It is, therefore, certainly unlikely that any club representative would burst forth in eloquence in opposition to the expressed views of the League officials, and on a subject away from the genuine League business. The general way is to vote "any old how," so long as the subject drops. It is all very well to publicly advertise one's abhorrence of even the thought of Sunday games, and it would be very creditable if everyone supporting that resolution could honestly say that they had never transacted any football business on a Sunday. For the life of me, I cannot see the difference between three or four officials discussing football on Sunday than in actually playing the game itself. There may have been referees present supporting the resolution, but is there not even one of them who has travelled to or from a match during Sunday? And amongst all those present surely one or two have ridden in a tram, or purchased drink, sweets, newspapers, or tobacco on a Sunday? If not, the Suburban League is IT.

I am not out to discuss the pros and cons of Sunday games. They would occupy more space than I am capable of filling, but in conclusion, I should like to add that a true Christian need not necessarily take every opportunity of advertising his saintliness, which is not increased by a super-abundance of attendance at a place of worship on Sundays. Because he has an opinion of what is right or wrong, it does not follow that his ideas are correct. He can try and *persuade* his antagonists to his way of thinking, but he should not *force* them. For, after all, I am afraid that we should find, on investigation, all the hypocrits, at any rate, were on the opposition side of Sunday games.

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## Each One for Himself.

(We think the following cutting from *The People* speaks for itself.—Editor.)

### THE DAY OF REST.

The Vicar of All Saints, Galley Hill, Kent, condemns the reading of Sunday newspapers, because they "distract the mind and fill it with the cares and worries of the week." Sweets and tobacco also are taboo, though cycling, boating, bathing and games are allowed. We are enjoined to "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." I wonder how much holiness there is in football, cricket, tennis, or boating on the Sabbath? I wonder how much evil a box of chocolates or a quiet pipe

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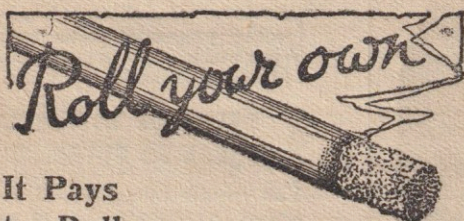


may contain? As for the work of a Sunday newspaper, it is done on a Saturday, and if certain people sell them on Sundays, well, certain people also let out boats for boating, certain people drive trains, 'buses, and trams—which the rev. gentleman permits—and certain people look after public playgrounds, and even ring church bells, open pews, make collections, etc., etc.

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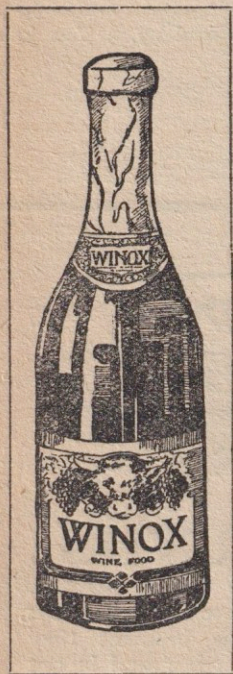
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No. I.—  
HORATIO REFEREES.

**H**ORATIO Macdonald had no inclination to emulate the heroic deeds of his Tr falgar namesake, rather did he aspire to be a "John Bull" at Westminster. His school life was spent in an atmosphere of study, and he never willingly participated in outdoor games, all of which he abhorred, particularly football, which to him appeared nothing but brutal animalism. On leaving school, having secured the highest possible honours there, his father placed him in his own office, with the well-meaning intention of preparing him for the principal's position, which some day, by right, would be his. Mr. Macdonald failed to understand how his offspring could be so effeminate, and was disgusted when his first-born complained of the rough practical jokes of his fellow clerks. Frequently Horatio told his parents that everyone was "football mad," talking about football from morning to night, but received no sympathy, as Mr. Macdonald was himself a director of Broughton Villa, a fairly successful 2nd Division Club. Nothing would induce Horatio to watch professional football, in spite of home persuasion, until one day the English Cup Winners happened to visit the town for a special charity benefit match. Minor Royalty were to be present, and Horatio attended, so he pretended, purely as an interested loyal subject. Seated in the comfortable stand, Horatio became bored with the whole affair within fifteen minutes from the start, but haunting him were the words his father had used earlier in the week. "I am disgusted," he had said, "that a son of mine should be such a molly coddle. Don't like football be blowed. It would make a man of you. You're the laughing stock of everybody in my factory and office. I tell you this, young man, unless you interest yourself in some outdoor sport, instead of wasting your leisure in swotting Greek, I'll turn you out, and see if Greek alone

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will keep you. I built my business up by business methods in business hours, not by Greek."

This sermon had been especially aggravating to Horatio, as he had intended asking his father for the wherewithal to buy some rather expensive Greek works, and perhaps, at the back of his head, lurked the thought that attendance at this benefit match would be an inducement to his parent, and "loyalty" provided an excuse.

The match was an exciting one, gold medals were to be awarded the winners, but Horatio could raise no enthusiasm. Thinking that his father would not miss him, soon after half-time he prepared to depart. He had to push his way through a crowded enclosure just as the referee had disallowed the homesters an off-side goal. "Same —— thing as usual," remarked one supporter, "we do get some —— specimens of referees down here;" then he added to Horatio, "Who the —— are you shoving?"

(Some football enthusiasts must swear to relieve their feelings.)

Our hero paused, he dared not move from fear, and so, inwardly vowing never to attend a football match again, he had perforce to watch the game, and *listen*.

"Fancy paying a —— man to referee like that. He ought to be pole-axed," added the loquacious spectator, later. "I saw in the paper they wanted more referees. I should —— well think so."

The language startled Horatio, but the "paying" and "more referees wanted" made him think.

"Why can't I referee," he thought. It seemed a splendid solution out of all his difficulties. In his own opinion his frail physique prevented him playing, but by taking up refereeing he would please his father, and instead of having to beg money to further his Greek studies, he would earn enough.

Mr. Macdonald was thunderstruck when his son, that evening, asked for a book of Football Rules. He naturally assumed that the benefit match had aroused such enthusiasm as to induce Horatio to learn all about it.

With the same ardour as when he had studied and mastered Euclid and Trigonometry for his Cambridge Local Examination, Horatio set to work on the Laws of Football. His father presented him with a Broughton Villa season ticket, which he fully availed himself of, while occasionally he actually indulged in the football chatter at business. But he kept his intentions to himself. To him, expert student as he was, football rules presented no difficulties, and in a very few weeks, with every confidence, he sent to the County Football Association for an application form to referee.

Horatio had to stretch a point or two in filling up this form, for the only games he had played were when compelled, in school games. Still, St. Botolph's College looked well, in the space provided after "State name



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Needless to state, Horatio passed with flying colours the theoretical examination the Referee's Board put him through. To him, the holder of certificates and prizes galore, it was mere baby's play, and he astonished the examiners themselves by the precision and unerring accuracy with which he gave his decisions.

The following Tuesday night's *Broughton Times*, under Sports Jottings, gave amongst the referee appointments for the Saturday:—

St. Agatha's Juniors v. Broughton High School Old Boys, at Kingsroad.—Referee, Mr. H. Macdonald.

Then our hero proudly showed the announcement to his father, who, highly pleased, told him to buy everything necessary and come on him for the money, which Horatio did.

Saturday came at last, stormy, as it had been all the week. The kick-off was 2.45 p.m., and our hero, fully equipped, reached Kingsroad just after 2. Seeing the muddy state of the ground, he immediately called the home secretary's attention to the fact that until he (the referee) had declared the ground fit for play, the gates ought not to be opened to admit spectators, as it was seeking trouble should play be impossible. The Secretary pointed out that no gate money was taken, and while the half dozen juvenile supporters listened attentively, Horatio reiterated the possibilities of a breach of the peace, etc.

Entering the pavilion, Horatio hung up his rain-coat and hat, and from his new bag took a measuring tape as used by cricketers. Proceeding to the pitch, he commenced his measurements, followed admiringly by the aforementioned six juveniles. Again calling the St. Agatha's secretary, he commenced his report:—

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"So it may be," replied the secretary, "but our first team have played here ages, and nobody has said anything."

"I can't help that. Rules are rules, and I'm here to see them carried out."

In vain all the players epostulated, but Horatio was adamant. "I sha'n't allow play until you alter it."

Sulkily the players prepared to obey, until a youngster shouted out: "Hi, mister, if we widens the pitch *the pavilion will be on it*," which the referee agreed was correct, but hastily scanning "the laws of the game," he could find no objection to that.

Working with a will, the youngsters managed to squeeze in a minimum size pitch by having the goal and touch lines practically flush with the hedges, the latter having in one place to run *behind the pavilion*. Any spectators would have to be accommodated in the next field. One corner flag was behind a huge tree, and another would have to be removed each time the gate opened. Meanwhile the Old Boys' team had arrived, and expressed approbation (?) at Horatio's thoroughness, but sportingly assisted the alterations in marking out, which were carried on with the assistance of the referee's most particular measurements.

Of course, the goalposts had to be shifted, no light task, as they had been solidly fixed seasons before. There was no room for nets, owing to the close proximity of the hedge. At a matter of fact in many places the top branches of bushes protruded several inches over the lines, and unfortunately, in the new goal-months they were specially so. Horatio could not see any objection to this, although the goalies might not appreciate *standing out of their goals*, and possible *falls amongst thorns*, etc.

At last, the goalposts got re-fixed, only on measurement by the referee to be found *3 inches short*, which was duly obviated by borrowing shovels from a neighbouring farm, and with turfs from the next field

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raising the ground at the required spots the necessary inches—no easy matter. And time was going along!

Then another difficulty, the crossbars were *too long and too deep*. A carpenter's apprentice volunteered to cycle for a saw and plane. Another delay, but easily rectified on the latter's return.

In the meantime Horatio had measured the broom handles which had done duty for years as corner flags. All were under 5 feet. More raising of ground. The only remnants of flags were a few small bits round the tintacks, which no conscientious referee could approve. Horatio, after much persuasion, sanctioned the tails from four shirts when affixed to the staffs, as suitable flags.

Four o'clock had now arrived, and with it heavy rain. The six juvenile supporters had gone home unsatisfied, but the enthusiastic players of both sides had gradually changed into their football togs.

But again more trouble. Horatio *examined their boots*, and many self-affixed studs and bars which were direct violations of Law 12 had to be hastily and clumsily removed.

At last, in semi-darkness, the players were ready, and kicking balls about in the goals, awaiting the referee.

In a few moments he came out to the centre of the field, correctly attired in football knicks, stockings, and boots, etc., all newly acquired for the occasion. The two captains needed no fetching, they awaited him. Then from his pocket he took a pair of hand balances and *weighed the ball*. "Too heavy," he said, "it's well over a pound."

"But," said St. Agatha's captain, "it was all right when we started kicking it about. It's only the mud on it."

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All was now ready, but——

"Half a minute, I've left the whistle in my rain coat," said Horatio, making for the pavilion.

A few moments pause, and then, white-faced, he came out, shouting, "It's gone! I'm certain I put it in the ticket pocket."

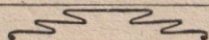
A search was made everywhere, but unavailing. No one else had a whistle, and even if they had, darkness had now intervened, and play was impossible.

A discontented lot of players changed back again into their ordinary clothes, and as Horatio asked for his referee's fees and expenses, *thought* a lot, and when he departed *said* a good deal more.

On his return home Horatio's father asked him "How do you like refereeing, my boy?" but the response was only a grunt.

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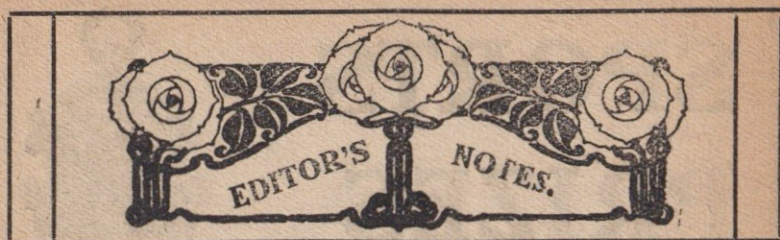
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The other three of us met at, or soon after, the appointed time, the tandemons were *non est*. After waiting twenty minutes for them, a passing friend stopped on seeing us and engaged us in confab for another ten or so, and it was 10 o'clock when we started, they still being *non est*, if not more so.

A ride of rather more than two hours' duration brought us to the village nearest to our actual destination, and the village inn, where we customarily obtain a little in the liquid refreshment line, either for consumption on the premises, or for transportation to the scene of our picnic, and for the purpose of lunch. Sometimes it is obtained for both purposes.

On arrival outside the aforesaid inn, at ten minutes after twelve, we were astonished to find our friends' tandem resting against its outer wall, its riders still *non est*. It was not yet "opening time," and we concluded they had gone for a stroll round, pending the legal 12.30 of Sunday morning in that neighbourhood. So we also set out to stroll, expecting to come upon

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them, and conjecturing all sorts of things as to how they managed to get there before us. We knew they could not have done it had they started after we had—we had come along pretty slick, only dismounting for one hill on the way, and we couldn't imagine their coming away before the arranged starting time, or without going to the appointed place. Finally we concluded that they had trained part of the way. Well, 12.30 came, and still not having found them, we went back to the inn. The door was being opened by the landlady at the moment, and our entry was greeted with laughter, the laughter of our missing friend, whom we found seated near a cosy fire in the smoke room.

Explanations followed to this effect: On the night previous they had put the clock forward, instead of back. Consequently, when they turned up at the meeting place at "9.45," actually 7.45, they were two hours too previous. Thinking we others had given up waiting and gone on, they hurried in order to overtake us. In this, of course, they failed, and on reaching the village and the village inn, were much surprised on finding no evidence of our arrival. Still unaware of their mistake, they knocked at the door of the hostelry. The landlady appeared in response.

"We'd like two bottles of Guinness, please!" was the order.

"Oh, but we are not open yet," from the landlady.

"Not open? It's gone half past twelve."

"Oh, no, it's only half past ten."

"But it's half past twelve; you must have forgotten to alter your clock."

"No, no," said the landlady, "I put my clock back. I'm thinking you must have put yours on. There's the Church bells ringing for service," she added, a fact there was no disputing. Then, and not till then, did our friends realize the mistake they had made over the summer time changing.

The landlady proved very kind, and made up a fire for them to sit by—it was a raw, nippy morning, it will be remembered—whilst they waited for nearly two hours for the companions they had attempted to overtake. The above is absolutely true in every particular.

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THE *Windsor's* notable series of Lawn Tennis articles by famous players is continued in the November number with a vivacious and at the same time usefully critical contribution by Jean Borotra, the brilliant young Covered Court Champion of France, the World's Hard Court and Covered Court Champion in Doubles with Henri Cochet.

In comparing French and Australian methods and characteristics Lieutenant Borotra says:—

"The fault of our French game is that, if we are very daring volleyers, we do not take enough risks on the base line. Ground strokes are merely, to most of us, an opening to come up and volley. We very seldom score aces from the back-court with cannon-ball drives, as Patterson and Anderson do. All these reasons explain why the Australian players swept the board at Wimbledon.

"The cannon-ball game of cyclonic service drive and volley seems to be the game of the future. More and more speed should be the motto of every growing sport. Some genius may, however, appear, like Suzanne Lenglen amongst the ladies, and vindicate the cause of steadiness and delicate placing.

"Of course, the continental players were very badly handicapped this year at Wimbledon. The courts were very dead and slow, and very unlike our hard courts. We never had a chance to kill a high bouncing ball. Our footwork was also very insecure on the slippery and treacherous surface.

"On the hard courts, and specially on wood, we were accustomed to stop at once through a great pressure on the ground. We also started in one step, taking all our speed in the first jump. On grass it is impossible to do so—adherence is not good enough for such pressure. I noticed that the great difference between the Australian and European footwork was in the former's way of stopping and starting in two or three small steps to divide the pressure on the ground.

"There is also a very big difference between the Australian and Continental double game. The Australians seem to dislike long rallies. They kill or lose the point. Their service is many times a winner. They take all sorts of risks on the return of service, and the striker's partner is always safe in his position close up to the net, for the return of service is never a defensive one. In fact, they will rather miss by much than send a slow and weak stroke. It makes the game highly spectacular, but I prefer personally to see players like our old French champions, Decugis and Germot, exchanging volleys five or six times before finding openings in their opponents' defence. These long rallies at the net make a double very interesting."

The November *Windsor* also contains an interesting and well-illustrated article on "The Poland of To-day and Her Place among the

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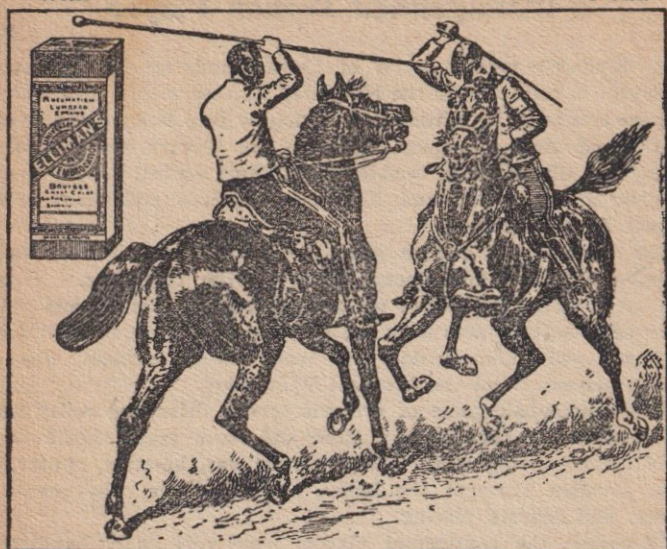
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## RUGBY NOTES.

**M**R. D. R. Gent's forthcoming book on "Rugby Football" should prove of great interest to people locally. For many years his play at half-back for Gloucester and Gloucestershire was quite a feature of West Country football, and caused him to be chosen for England on many occasions. It was whilst he was captain of Gloucestershire that the county started its winning of the County Championship Competition. The 1909-10 side that Mr. Gent captained, and that won the Championship for the first time for Gloucestershire, was probably the strongest side the County ever had. There were six of that season's English players in the side, viz., A. Hudson, W. J. Berry, W. A. Johns (Gloucester), W. R. Johnson (Bristol), and W. L. Hayward (Cheltenham), in addition to Mr. Gent himself. Since 1919 he has acted as Rugby Critic to one of the leading London weeklies, so that he has kept closely in touch with the game, even though he no longer plays.

His book (to be published by Messrs. George Allen & Unwin) will be partly instructional and partly reminiscent, and should appeal to player and spectator alike, and as most of Mr. Gent's football days were spent in these parts, his book is almost certain to be sprinkled with the names of well-known local players.

Mr. Gent refereed the Bath v. United Services game at Bath recently.

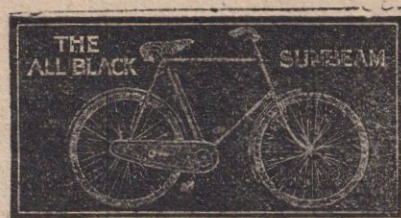
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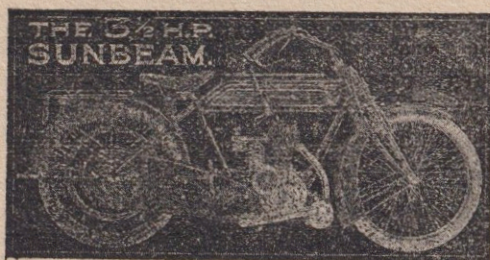
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## What Others Think



### LEAGUE MATCH RESULTS.

We often hear players anxiously enquiring the results of certain league matches played the previous week. These they obtain—accurately or inaccurately—according to the reliability of the source of information. For confirmation, they look to their league's column in their favourite Saturday night's paper, only to find that any references to the particular matches in which they are interested, are omitted. Now, fortunately for everyone, our Bristol newspapers are exceptionally indulgent to local sport of every description, and do not imagine professional football is everything. They generally allow ample space for league correspondents, but, unfortunately, these latter gentlemen are sometimes of the opinion that imaginary accounts of matches are preferable to actual facts. For instance, we see such statements as: "The Woodbine Swifts *managed* to defeat the Navy Cut Wanderers by the odd goal in five," when, as a matter of fact, the former were *all over* their opponents, whose two goals were gifts in the closing minutes. Such ridiculous reports amuse the players concerned, but they naturally estimate the accuracy of the rest of the column at the same value.

May we, therefore, respectfully suggest that as is done in many newspapers for professional football, the results of all matches played the previous week, together with the goal scorers, be given thus:—

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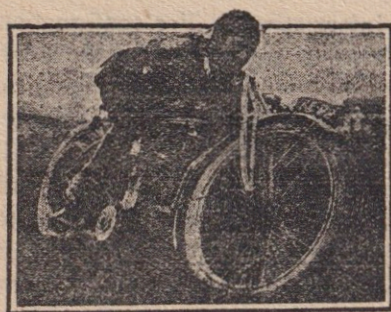


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and so on.

It would certainly enable everyone to know how everybody else was faring. Any particular match the writer actually witnessed could be commented upon, but otherwise simply criticisms, praise or blame offered where deemed necessary.

What do other readers think?

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## RE-ARRANGING MATCHES.

Although the football season is yet young, there are many clubs getting behindhand with their fixtures. In some cases, of course, the Cup Ties are responsible, but there is no excuse for laxity. Each league has its own rule as to the re-arranging of matches within a certain period, yet, although we know it is not obeyed, we seldom—if ever—hear the imposition of the threatened fine. Properly managed, and faced immediately, fixtures can be easily re-arranged, but allowed to drift they accumulate until the end of the season witnesses the usual scamper to complete the programme—if clubs are honest enough to fulfill their obligations. Of course, some will argue that this is bound to happen, to which one can only add from experience that last season a club who did not play on the first Saturday of the season, who reached the 3rd round of the Cup, whose opponents left one Saturday open through an “influenza” postponement, *completed* the heaviest league programme *before any other team*, yet only played Saturday matches—no holiday or mid-week games. Why? Simply because they tackled their re-arranged fixtures promptly.

We fail to understand why Leagues permit this trouble to occur year after year, but from the well-conducted club's standpoint a more serious problem arises. These clubs, playing their matches on Saturdays, invariably meet their opponents'

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full strength, while it is notorious that clubs with no possible chance of winning medals turn out any team—more often than not two or three short—to fulfill these end of the season mid-week games. Some seasons a club will win half a dozen matches in the last fortnight against these “don’t care a hang” opponents, and so secure medals—last year one club nearly did. Then perhaps serious complications will arise, and the league concerned will wish their rules had been enforced.

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### THE TEMPERANCE REFORMERS.

To the majority of players and secretaries, the question as to whether the G.F.A. shall or shall not hold their meetings on licensed premises is a matter of indifference, and one is surprised at the amount of publicity which has been given to the matter. It has always been impressed upon us what a hard-working body of men the G.F.A. consisted of, and what an enormous amount of football business they have to transact. Under these circumstances one can hardly grasp how sufficient time is at the disposal of the Council for a discussion on temperance, which, after all, is apart from football altogether. If there are gentlemen desirous of prohibition even in football circles, in our humble opinion it would be preferable to all concerned for them to air their views at more suitable gatherings, and confine their attention to football business at football meetings. We presume that was the real idea when they were originally elected on the Council. But apart from that, it seems hardly out of place for us to suggest that there is more credit to the total abstainer who is *not afraid* to attend a meeting at a licensed house, than to the one who *avoids* temptation by only attending on unlicensed premises.

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### Are Referees good enough ?

**C**LUBS and players generally have a grievance about this or that referee! Why? Oh, he was rotten, says one; while another says, Rotten? Lor', he was putrid; never seen anything like it. What is the reason for these comments? Is it really the referee, or is it the lack of knowledge of the laws of the game by those ever ready

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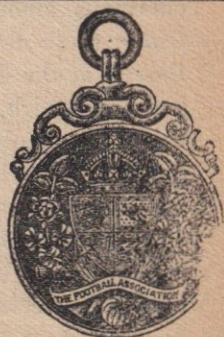
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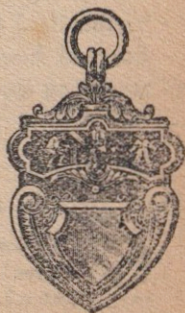
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to cast judgment. Let us survey the position. How many players could tell :

1. The weight or dimensions of a ball?
2. The actual size of a football pitch (maximum and minimum)?
3. The number of offences from which a goal may be scored as the result of a free kick?

I venture to suggest that not two per cent of players to-day could answer those questions, yet they "judge the man" who has passed his theoretical test to the satisfaction of the G.F.A.

If only players would study the laws there need never be any fear of the one back game; it can easily be defeated—with brains and study. Now the referees.

Let me say here that I have witnessed some very grave errors, some, indeed, for which little excuse could be found.

A glaring foul in the field, yet a "throw down" given. Advising players to keep quiet after having been "quite insolent" over a decision given. Parading on the field in ordinary clothes instead of changing into proper outfit, thereby preventing activity in the field. Whistling up players when not interfering with the play. All these things I have actually witnessed, beside many more which I "dare not" mention.

These should suffice to prove to referees the absolute necessity of keeping themselves conversant with the laws of the game, and also their chart.

Our referees could and would improve football if they only "gripped" the game from the start, and were determined to keep matters in hand. Weak decisions often lend to the game a distasteful flavour, and more often than not leads to the headquarters of the G.F.A.

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## Gloucester Referees' Association.

THE Referees' Association is a fairly active body, and their meeting, held last Friday at the "George," Narrow Wine Street, was both interesting and educational.

Mr. F. W. Townsend presided over a fairly good attendance, and welcomed Mr. O. Cowlshaw, who gave his lecture on the "Laws of the Game." Many questions were addressed to the lecturer, who displayed marked readiness with his replies, so much so, that the study of the laws by him must have entailed many hours work.

The diagrams and explanatory matter were a fine feature of this lecture, and much good to the game will be done if Mr. O. Cowlshaw is able to get around to leagues and organisations with his lecture. Mr. F. Cave proved a very able assistant.

The only regret one felt was the fact that with so large a list as the referees have the interest was not even greater. Even referees are apt to forget the intricate points arising from the game, and as one speaker remarked, it is well to refresh the memory by a look at the chart or a few minutes study of the law.

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## THE ELEVENTH COMMANDMENT.

A couple of cases with regard to the playing of ineligible men make an interesting subject for discussion..

In a league match recently a club played an ineligible man (prior to his transfer being sanctioned), and this man scored the goal that meant the loss of a valuable point by their opponents. The officials of the latter club object to protests as unsportsman-like, and so the offending club went unpunished, and actually reap the reward of a point for their indiscretion. Yet the evidence of the ineligibility was beyond question.

The other case we refer to was that in which the G.F.A. decided that all clubs must prove their own cases when protesting. The G.F.A. evidently approve of the ELEVENTH COMMANDMENT.

We can hardly agree with such decisions. The various leagues and cup competitions have their rules as to qualifications of players, and in all fairness it seems up to them to see those rules are carried out. Otherwise it seems a waste of time and money for players to the "signed on" or "registered," and for secretaries to forward the names of the actual players. Under present conditions these need only be sent in, should disputes arise. The punishments for offences committed in moments of passion are severe, but these crimes, committed intentionally and with malice aforethought, and generally for gain, are permitted unless the sporting (???) *losing* opponents go to the trouble and expense of proving the offence.

It seems crude justice.

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## SHAMAMATEURS.

Mention was made in the local press a short time ago as to the existence of leagues for Works' Teams in other towns, and wondering when Bristol would follow suit. We may be judging the subject from a selfish standpoint, but we rather hope it never will materialise here. The idea of a works' team is all very well if players are not *compelled* to play, but in the past we have heard too much about young men losing their jobs through pre-

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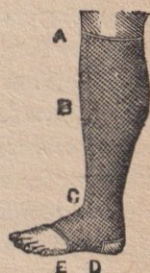
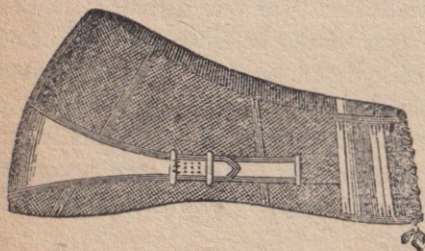
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ferring to play for their own little private team. Where, after all, is the discredit in choosing the inconvenience of a public park pitch and inadequate dressing-room accommodation to a private ground and palatial pavilion. Is it in the true spirit of sport, when men are given jobs simply for their proficiency at sport, to the detriment of the better workmen who are not athletes?

The ruling body of football still ask us to regard as amateurs men who draw £5 a week on a £2 job, and not even earn that amount. Nevertheless, some people would not approve or support bodies adopting these ideas.

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### Some Sound Advice

**A**T a recent meeting of an important Football Organisation, which met in a building less than 100 miles from the Tramways Centre, a report of one of their affiliated members was somewhat disputed, inasmuch as the identity of the alleged culprit was not altogether certain, two individuals being mentioned for the one particular offence. It was, therefore, not surprising to find that those in charge should express their desire to see all the parties concerned in the offence. The instructions were presumably sent out, asking for their attendance. The affiliated member referred to certainly possessed a good sense of humour, as he promptly sent back—not to the person who sent him the notice, but to one of those who would probably sit and pudge him—a small piece of dainty pink paper—4 by 2 in size—and on this was written, quite in “copper plate” :—

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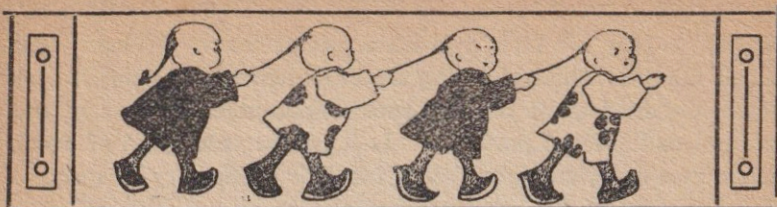
“Be prepared.”

“Be ye steadfast.”

“Unmoveable.”

The sequel may be told in our next !





## Things we'd like to know.

**H**OW many local clubs are trying to bring matches forward so as to have open dates when English Cup Ties come along?

Whether the publication of culprits' names in "football offences" in the local Press does actually act as a deterrent to others?

Whether a certain article relative to headquarters has been appreciated by the members of the local association?

And whether the freedom of the "press" will prove a blessing in this case?

What referee allowed a player to return to the field, after having ordered him off for protruding nails?

Why nothing has been heard of a certain incident in a recent local cup tie?

About that "charity" match at Brislington on August 23rd, where is the George Washington, or the man with the "dough"?

What club has endeavoured to evade responsibilities by a change? And will it work?

If it's true an "amateur players' union" is in course of construction in Gloster?

Whether it's main idea is to stop publication of offenders' names in the local press?

If it's true players have lost their situations through such publication?

Whether there is a longer service football club secretary in Bristol than Mr. G. Milsom (Barton Hill A.S.)?

From a player's standpoint, what constitutes a "caution" within the meaning of the laws of the Football Association?

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If "bowls" cannot be made to pay in Bristol parks, why cannot the money be utilised to build some decent dressing accommodation for footballers?

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If footballers wouldn't rather "pay away" a few extra browns than "bring away" some, as they're likely to in some places?

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When shall we have that "sportsman town councillor"?

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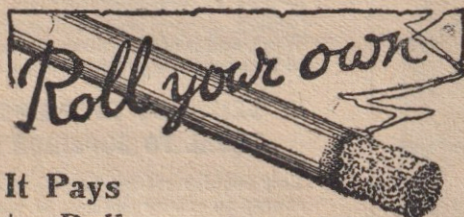
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How many clubs (outside of factory clubs) have their full team in work? It would be interesting to know!

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Whether a final schoolboys match in Gloucester wouldn't be a remunerative "stunt" to aid the G.F.A. funds, seeing they first financed the schools?



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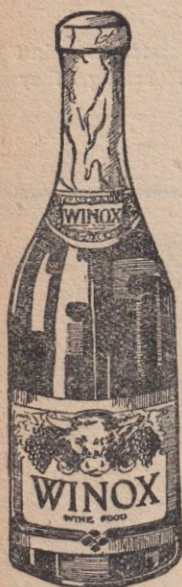
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**H**ORATIO Macdonald had no inclination to emulate the heroic deeds of his Tr falgar namesake, rather did he aspire to be a "John Bull" at Westminster. His school life was spent in an atmosphere of study, and he never willingly participated in outdoor games, all of which he abhorred, particularly football, which to him appeared nothing but brutal animalism. On leaving school, having secured the highest possible honours there, his father placed him in his own office, with the well-meaning intention of preparing him for the principal's position, which some day, by right, would be his. Mr. Macdonald failed to understand how his offspring could be so effeminate, and was disgusted when his first-born complained of the rough practical jokes of his fellow clerks. Frequently Horatio told his parents that everyone was "football mad," talking about football from morning to night, but received no sympathy, as Mr. Macdonald was himself a director of Broughton Villa, a fairly successful 2nd Division Club. Nothing would induce Horatio to watch professional football, in spite of home persuasion, until one day the English Cup Winners happened to visit the town for a special charity benefit match. Minor Royalty were to be present, and Horatio attended, so he pretended, purely as an interested loyal subject. Seated in the comfortable stand, Horatio became bored with the whole affair within fifteen minutes from the start, but haunting him were the words his father had used earlier in the week. "I am disgusted," he had said, "that a son of mine should be such a molly coddle. Don't like football be blowed. It would make a man of you. You're the laughing stock of everybody in my factory and office. I tell you this, young man, unless you interest yourself in some outdoor sport, instead of wasting your leisure in swotting Greek, I'll turn you out, and see if 'Greek alone

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will keep you. I built my business up by business methods in business hours, not by Greek."

This sermon had been especially aggravating to Horatio, as he had intended asking his father for the wherewithal to buy some rather expensive Greek works, and perhaps, at the back of his head, lurked the thought that attendance at this benefit match would be an inducement to his parent, and "loyalty" provided an excuse.

The match was an exciting one, gold medals were to be awarded the winners, but Horatio could raise no enthusiasm. Thinking that his father would not miss him, soon after half-time he prepared to depart. He had to push his way through a crowded enclosure just as the referee had disallowed the homesters an off-side goal. "Same —— thing as usual," remarked one supporter, "we do get some —— specimens of referees down here;" then he added to Horatio, "Who the —— are you shoving?"

(Some football enthusiasts must swear to relieve their feelings.)

Our hero paused, he dared not move from fear, and so, inwardly vowing never to attend a football match again, he had perforce to watch the game, and *listen*.

"Fancy paying a —— man to referee like that. He ought to be pole-axed," added the loquacious spectator, later. "I saw in the paper they wanted more referees. I should —— well think so."

The language startled Horatio, but the "paying" and "more referees wanted" made him think.

"Why can't I referee," he thought. It seemed a splendid solution out of all his difficulties. In his own opinion his frail physique prevented him playing, but by taking up refereeing he would please his father, and instead of having to beg money to further his Greek studies, he would earn enough.

Mr. Macdonald was thunderstruck when his son, that evening, asked for a book of Football Rules. He naturally assumed that the benefit match had aroused such enthusiasm as to induce Horatio to learn all about it.

With the same ardour as when he had studied and mastered Euclid and Trigonometry for his Cambridge Local Examination, Horatio set to work on the Laws of Football. His father presented him with a Broughton Villa season ticket, which he fully availed himself of, while occasionally he actually indulged in the football chatter at business. But he kept his intentions to himself. To him, expert student as he was, football rules presented no difficulties, and in a very few weeks, with every confidence, he sent to the County Football Association for an application form to referee.

Horatio had to stretch a point or two in filling up this form, for the only games he had played were when compelled, in school games. Still, St. Botolph's College looked well, in the space provided after "State name



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of Club of which the applicant is a member." For St. Botolph's always had a good soccer team.

Do you wear spectacles? This rather startled him, as generally he *did*, but thinking there might be a catch somewhere, he wrote "No," for, after all, he *could* see without them.

Needless to state, Horatio passed with flying colours the theoretical examination the Referee's Board put him through. To him, the holder of certificates and prizes galore, it was mere baby's play, and he astonished the examiners themselves by the precision and unerring accuracy with which he gave his decisions.

The following Tuesday night's *Broughton Times*, under Sports Jottings, gave amongst the referee appointments for the Saturday:—

St. Agatha's Juniors v. Broughton High School Old Boys, at Kingsroad.—Referee, Mr. H. Macdonald.

Then our hero proudly showed the announcement to his father, who, highly pleased, told him to buy everything necessary and come on him for the money, which Horatio did.

Saturday came at last, stormy, as it had been all the week. The kick-off was 2.45 p.m., and our hero, fully equipped, reached Kingsroad just after 2. Seeing the muddy state of the ground, he immediately called the home secretary's attention to the fact that until he (the referee) had declared the ground fit for play, the gates ought not to be opened to admit spectators, as it was seeking trouble should play be impossible. The Secretary pointed out that no gate money was taken, and while the half dozen juvenile supporters listened attentively, Horatio reiterated the possibilities of a breach of the peace, etc.

Entering the pavilion, Horatio hung up his rain-coat and hat, and from his new bag took a measuring tape as used by cricketers. Proceeding to the pitch, he commenced his measurements, followed admiringly by the aforementioned six juveniles. Again calling the St. Agatha's secretary, he commenced his report:—

"Your ground is not large enough as marked out. It is only 93 yards long by  $45\frac{1}{2}$  wide, whereas the minimum is 100 by 50."

"So it may be," replied the secretary, "but our first team have played here ages, and nobody has said anything."

"I can't help that. Rules are rules, and I'm here to see them carried out."

In vain all the players epostulated, but Horatio was adamant. "I sha'n't allow play until you alter it."

Sulkily the players prepared to obey, until a youngster shouted out: "Hi, mister, if we widens the pitch *the pavilion will be on it*," which the referee agreed was correct, but hastily scanning "the laws of the game," he could find no objection to that.

Working with a will, the youngsters managed to squeeze in a minimum size pitch by having the goal and touch lines practically flush with the hedges, the latter having in one place to run *behind the pavilion*.

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Any spectators would have to be accommodated in the next field. One corner flag was behind a huge tree, and another would have to be removed each time the gate opened. Meanwhile the Old Boys' team had arrived, and expressed approbation (?) at Horatio's thoroughness, but sportingly assisted the alterations in marking out, which were carried on with the assistance of the referee's most particular measurements.

Of course, the goalposts had to be shifted, no light task, as they had been solidly fixed seasons before. There was no room for nets, owing to the close proximity of the hedge. At a matter of fact in many places the top branches of bushes protruded several inches over the lines, and unfortunately, in the new goal-mouths they were specially so. Horatio could not see any objection to this, although the goalies might not appreciate *standing out of their goals*, and possible *falls amongst thorns*, etc.

At last, the goalposts got re-fixed, only on measurement by the referee to be found *3 inches short*, which was duly obviated by borrowing shovels from a neighbouring farm, and with turfs from the next field *raising the ground* at the required spots the necessary inches—no easy matter. And time was going along!

Then another difficulty, the crossbars were *too long and too deep*. A carpenter's apprentice volunteered to cycle for a saw and plane. Another delay, but easily rectified on the latter's return.

In the meantime Horatio had measured the broom handles which had done duty for years as corner flags. All were under 5 feet. More raising of ground. The only remnants of flags were a few small bits round the tintacks, which no conscientious referee could approve. Horatio, after much persuasion, sanctioned the tails from four shirts when affixed to the staffs, as suitable flags.

Four o'clock had now arrived, and with it heavy rain. The six juvenile supporters had gone home unsatisfied, but the enthusiastic players of both sides had gradually changed into their football togs.

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But again more trouble. Horatio examined their boots, and many self-affixed studs and bars which were direct violations of Law 12 had to be hastily and clumsily removed.

At last, in semi-darkness, the players were ready, and kicking balls about in the goals, awaiting the referee.

In a few moments he came out to the centre of the field, correctly attired in football knicks, stockings, and boots, etc., all newly acquired for the occasion. The two captains needed no fetching, they awaited him. Then from his pocket he took a pair of hand balances and weighed the ball. "Too heavy," he said, "it's well over a pound."

"But," said St. Agatha's captain, "it was all right when we started kicking it about. It's only the mud on it."

Horatio opened a book, and read to them: "At the commencement of the game the weight of the ball shall be from 13 to 15 ounces."

"Besides," he added, bringing out his invaluable measuring tape, "it is nearly 30 inches in circumference."

"It's only the mud."

"Well, remove it."

And with difficulty they did!

All was now ready, but——

"Half a minute, I've left the whistle in my rain coat," said Horatio, making for the pavilion.

A few moments pause, and then, white-faced, he came out, shouting, "It's gone! I'm certain I put it in the ticket pocket."

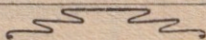
A search was made everywhere, but unavailing. No one else had a whistle, and even if they had, darkness had now intervened, and play was impossible.

A discontented lot of players changed back again into their ordinary clothes, and as Horatio asked for his referee's fees and expenses, *thought* a lot, and when he departed said a good deal more.

On his return home Horatio's father asked him "How do you like refereeing, my boy?" but the response was only a grunt.

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Turning to the doings of our clubs, I find the competition quite keen in the majority of our many Divisions. With three more matches played, St. Pancras are at the head of affairs in the First Division, Victoria Albion coming next with an undefeated record. At the other end of the table I find the Sixth Gloucesters plodding along, in spite of having had 58 goals scored against them, 21 being recorded in one match, on the occasion of the opening of a new local ground!

There were several cherished unbeaten records spoilt on the first Saturday in November, and Hamilton, in the Second Divi-



sion, were one of the unfortunates. In spite of that downfall they still lead the way, but three other clubs are close upon their heels. Shaftesbury are going great guns in the Third Division, having picked up the maximum number of points in their eight matches. The St. Philip's District is also well in evidence in the Fourth Division, as Ding's Villa occupy the second position, Almondsbury—who caught a severe cold at Druid Stoke, where the petrol men overcame them—being the only club above them.

The runners-up of last season's Sixth Division—York House—are now going well in slightly better company, as at the present moment they lead the way in the Fifth Division, being the only undefeated club of the sixteen, quite a proud record. One must not forget several of the bottom clubs in this Division—Inland Revenue, Operative Bakers, and Castle Green—as, although having experienced a lean time—the first two named have still to get their first victory—always come up smiling and ready for another beating. The words of a well-known local League official: "Yes, it is the bottom clubs that make a League," are really true when you just sit and think over them.

Horfield Rangers are getting away quite fast in the Sixth Division, but there are other clubs which will surely come into the argument later on. At the present moment they are sadly behind with their fixtures, owing to cup ties, so it is certainly up to their secretaries to see that they get their matches rearranged, and what is more, PLAYED, so that they may figure higher up in the League Table.

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## Suburban League Tables

(Up to and including all matches played on November 4th.)

We give below the Tables of the various Divisions of the above League. We cannot give a guarantee that they have been compiled without a mistake, so therefore ask the club secretaries to go through their particular records, and, should they find something wrong, to be sure to drop a post card to the Editor, as he will then promptly correct it, so that everything will be in order for next month's issue.

### DIVISION I.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
St Pancras ... ..	7	5	1	1	26	9	11
Victoria Albions ... ..	4	4	0	0	13	0	8
Ashton City ... ..	6	3	2	1	22	10	7
Avonmouth ... ..	6	3	2	1	19	10	7
Comac ... ..	5	3	1	1	13	8	7
Hanham Athletic ... ..	5	3	1	1	12	8	7
St. Philip's A. School ... ..	5	2	2	1	27	10	5
Horfield United ... ..	3	2	0	1	12	3	5
Bristol Aero Coy. ... ..	4	2	2	0	8	11	4
Lyndale ... ..	6	1	4	1	6	11	3
Bristol Leather Trades .. ..	4	1	2	1	6	13	3
East Bristol Y.M.C.A. ... ..	6	1	5	0	11	17	2
Thornbury ... ..	3	0	2	1	6	13	1
6th Glosters ... ..	6	0	6	0	3	58	0

### DIVISION II.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Hamilton ... ..	8	6	1	1	37	13	13
Pucklechurch ... ..	7	5	0	2	27	3	12
Parson Street O.B. ... ..	8	6	2	0	21	8	12
Winterbourne Down Sports ... ..	9	6	3	0	20	9	12
Fishponds Town ... ..	7	5	2	0	23	10	10
Jennings, Ltd. ... ..	8	4	3	1	20	13	9
Newtown Old Boys ... ..	7	4	2	1	17	4	9
North Road (Yate) ... ..	6	3	3	0	16	13	6
Eclipse ... ..	6	2	2	2	15	6	6
Raleigh United ... ..	6	2	4	0	14	10	4
Warmley Tower Villa ... ..	7	1	5	1	6	25	3
R.F.A. ... ..	8	1	7	0	10	50	2
R.N.V.R. ... ..	8	1	7	0	7	47	2
Bedminster Y.M.C.A. ... ..	2	0	2	0	1	7	0

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## DIVISION III.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Shaftesbury ... ..	8	8	0	0	31	4	16
St. James' ... ..	6	4	2	0	17	10	8
Bedminster Victoria ... ..	5	4	1	0	16	8	8
Ashton City Reserves ... ..	6	3	2	1	14	9	7
Longwell Green ... ..	5	3	1	1	7	2	7
Redding United ... ..	5	3	2	0	11	7	6
Westbury ... ..	5	2	2	1	14	10	5
St. Pancras Reserves ... ..	7	2	4	1	17	22	5
Iron Acton Rovers ... ..	6	2	4	0	6	18	4
John Hare and Co. ... ..	3	1	2	0	6	7	2
Alveston D. Sports ... ..	6	0	4	2	5	16	2
Winterbourne Villa ... ..	4	1	3	0	4	13	2
Chris. Thomas and Bros. ... ..	5	0	5	0	5	24	0

## DIVISION IV.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Almondsbury ... ..	9	6	3	0	31	13	12
Glendale United ... ..	9	5	2	2	20	12	12
Ding's Villa ... ..	8	5	2	1	21	9	11
Bitton ... ..	7	4	0	3	18	10	11
Bedminster Wesleyans ... ..	7	4	1	2	27	12	10
G.W.R. Loco. ... ..	7	5	2	0	26	8	10
Parson Street Old Boys ..	9	4	3	0	20	14	10
Fishponds Town Reserves ... ..	7	4	2	1	18	10	9
Eastville U.M. ... ..	6	3	1	2	19	12	8
St. Silas' Old Boys ... ..	6	3	2	1	16	13	7
Avonmouth Reserves ... ..	8	2	3	3	13	11	7
Y.M.C.A. Brotherhood ..	7	2	5	0	7	29	4
Cowlin's Sports ... ..	4	0	2	2	4	6	2
Cadbury Heath Y.M.C.A. ... ..	6	1	5	0	4	12	2
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Air Balloon Villa ... ..	10	0	9	1	14	58	1

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## DIVISION V.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
York House ... ..	9	8	0	1	27	7	17
St. Mark's Baptist ... ..	10	7	2	1	30	18	15
J. Robertson and Sons ... ..	9	7	1	1	26	7	15
Bristol North ... ..	9	6	2	1	28	15	13
Portwall Athletic ... ..	9	5	3	1	26	16	11
Clifton Victoria ... ..	10	3	4	3	20	21	9
Pucklechurch Reserves ..	6	4	2	0	22	8	8
Victoria Rangers ... ..	5	4	1	0	17	6	8
Easton Athletic ... ..	9	3	5	1	16	12	7
Ashton United ... ..	8	3	4	1	15	12	7
Horfield United Juniors ..	7	2	4	1	30	22	5
Carr House ... ..	5	1	2	2	8	22	4
Salem ... ..	7	1	4	2	6	24	4
Castle Green ... ..	8	0	5	3	6	21	3
Operative Bakers ... ..	9	0	8	1	10	43	1
Inland Revenue ... ..	8	0	7	1	4	38	1

## DIVISION VI.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Horfield Rangers ... ..	10	8	1	1	33	8	17
Shirehampton ... ..	7	5	1	1	25	9	11
Victoria Rangers Reserves ...	9	4	3	2	24	16	10
Rechabites ... ..	6	5	1	0	22	4	10
Avonleigh United ... ..	5	5	0	0	10	2	10
St. Pancras Guild ... ..	7	4	3	0	19	15	8
East Bristol Y.M.C.A. ... ..	5	3	1	1	19	6	7
St. Silas' Y.M.B.C. ... ..	8	3	4	1	17	13	7
Eastville U.M. Reserves ...	6	3	2	1	18	18	7
Stoates' Mills ... ..	8	2	5	1	8	28	5
Y.M.C.A. Brotherhood Res. ...	8	2	5	1	7	19	5
Whitehall United ... ..	9	1	6	2	9	27	4
Montague Street Mission ...	9	1	7	1	11	21	3
Henleaze ... ..	6	1	4	1	8	20	3
Hardinge Villa ... ..	7	0	6	1	9	25	1



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What team lost the Youth Shield by a nose?

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What teams will have the honour of drawing first blood from Victoria Athletic, Dings, Fairfield, and Bedminster Wesleyans?

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What team still plays lads over age, and whether they are aware of that station called "stop"?

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What team has a rare following of the "Fair Sex"?

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## FIRST JUNIOR DIVISION.

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	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Fairfield United ... ..	8	8	0	0	54	10	16
Bedminster Wesleyans ... ..	7	7	0	0	45	3	14
Easton Road U.M. ... ..	9	6	2	1	33	12	13
University ... ..	8	5	1	2	18	7	12
Hanham Baptist ... ..	9	5	3	1	31	15	11
Mangotsfield ... ..	7	4	1	2	29	10	10
Winterbourne ... ..	8	5	3	0	26	16	10
Eastville Albion ... ..	8	4	4	0	21	22	8
St. Michael's ... ..	8	3	4	1	20	26	7
Ashton Athletic ... ..	8	2	4	2	16	18	6
Belle Vue ... ..	9	1	6	2	6	33	4
Charlton ... ..	8	1	6	1	5	55	3
Horfield United Juniors ... ..	6	1	5	0	10	30	2
Rechabites ... ..	6	0	6	0	6	31	0
St. Mark's ... ..	7	0	7	0	6	38	0

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## SECOND JUNIOR DIVISION.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Victoria Athletic ... ..	9	9	0	0	51	6	18
Victoria United ... ..	8	6	1	1	24	4	13
Dings ... ..	6	5	0	1	16	4	11
Shirehampton ... ..	7	5	2	0	33	4	10
East Bristol Y.M. ... ..	6	4	1	1	29	8	9
Baptist Mills Y.M. ... ..	5	4	1	0	12	3	8
St. Silas' ... ..	7	3	4	0	17	11	6
Stapleton ... ..	9	2	6	1	13	30	5
Park Villa ... ..	6	2	4	0	8	15	4
Hampton Villa ... ..	5	2	3	0	5	11	4
College Green ... ..	8	2	6	0	7	29	4
University Reserves ... ..	8	1	7	0	7	26	2
Bedminster Victoria Juniors ...	8	1	7	0	9	48	2
Castle Green ... ..	5	0	5	0	5	38	0

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By the time our next issue appears, half the present football season will have been completed. We wonder how many clubs will have played half their fixtures. Yet it should be so if that end of season rush is to be avoided.

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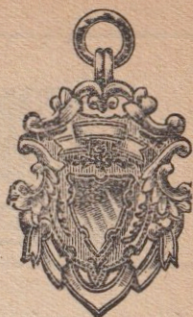
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## Bristol Church of England Association Football League.

NOTES BY I.N.K.

**I** MUST first introduce myself to the members of this League. I have followed with very great interest the work and doings of this League almost from its inception, and was a member of its General Committee and Management Committee for several seasons. I have also had the pleasure of sitting on every League in Bristol, with the exception of the newly-formed sister League, the Bristol Wesleyan and Free Church League. I may even sit on that Committee yet. One never knows.

It is my intention to write a few notes in this Book every month. So if you have any Club news or items of interest, just pass them on to your League Secretary, and I expect he will see that I get them. I shall also be visiting your clubs and grounds on the look-out for things (I don't mean what I can pocket, so you need not worry about leaving them in the dressing room). I shall have visited you, and you will not know I have been there. I pride myself on being a bit of an amateur detective, and it may interest the players of St. Michael's, Dundry, to know that I have already solved the mystery of the Referee's Collar Stud at Avonmouth, and can also tell them that he has had to buy three since then. (Isn't that right, Mr. Referee?)

I think I have told you enough about myself for you to see I am not quite so black as my initials would suggest, so now to the League matter.

I must first of all congratulate you all on the very smooth way things are running in the League this season, which is a result of all Clubs pulling together with the League officials, who are a splendid lot of fellows, out only for the benefit of the Clubs and for the good of the game in general. So it is the duty of every Club Secretary and members of the Clubs to assist them all they can, and make things as easy as possible for them.

Another thing which I think is having a lot to do with the smooth going of the League this season is sticking to the Rules in the Handbook (which, by the way, no player or member of the League should be without), especially the one dealing with cancelled matches, because nothing causes more nastiness or trouble in a League than cancelling of matches, and it is up to the General Committee of the League to put a stop to it by enforcing the rules.



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There must have been some very rapid scoring in the St. Paul's Bedminster, v. St. Mary, Redcliffe, match on October 28th. Ten minutes from time Redcliffe were leading 1-0; the result was a win for Redcliffe 7-0. I have heard of county cricketers scoring runs nearly as fast as that.

St. Mary, Redcliffe are going great guns in the First Division this season, and if they keep it up to the end of the season they should have something to say in the Championship. It was a fine performance of theirs to journey to Bishopsworth and get both points by the only goal scored. It certainly speaks well for their defence, because Bishopsworth forwards are always rather hot. Now then, Mr. Secretary Cole, you must get that grass cut, it seems to upset your forwards' style of play.

I had only just wrote this when I received the result of the St. Mary, Redcliffe, match with St. Thomas. Oh, you naughty boys, St. Thomas, to go and beat Redcliffe 2-1 on their own ground. You have quite spoiled this paragraph about Redcliffe's fine doings. But there, you always did like causing sensations by beating the top clubs on their own ground. I suppose it has got quite a habit with you, and I do hope the tide has turned with your club now. You did seem out of place, bottom but one in the League Table.

Who was the Club Secretary who took the Referee's photo when his club was leading at the interval by 1-0? Wouldn't it have made a much better picture if he had taken his goalkeeper's face when the third and fourth goals were scored against them in the second half without response from his own club?

It is very pleasing to see all the Clubs which went up from Division Three into Division One making such a splendid show, and quite holding their own.

I have just been talking to a Referee, who thinks St. Peter's, Pilning, one of the best sporting clubs in the League. This is a very fine report to get about one of our new clubs, and I do hope they will keep their good name clean.

I think we have got as fine a lot of sporting clubs in the League this season as ever we have had. Take, for instance, such Clubs as Henbury, St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, and Horfield Church, all of them getting beaten week after week, and still they come up smiling.

I have heard of one of our Referees who always carries a gold Hunter watch while controlling our matches. Have any of you noticed it?

I am sure the very best wishes of the League will go out to Charlie Sampson, of Publow and Pensford, who was married last week.

Is it a fact that A.W.W. (who writes the notes for the *Sports Times*) is giving up singing the praises of our Clubs, owing to the fact that he has lost his "notes." That's a "Good 'Un."

I am sure all our clubs will regret to hear that Mr. E. W. Avery has had to give up Refereeing on account of his health.

The concert of St. Luke's, B.H., held last week, was a great success,

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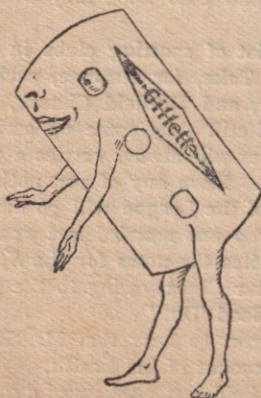
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and a splendid programme, given by the Poppies Concert Party, was very much enjoyed by a large gathering. During the interval the Rev. D. W. Mathie, M.A. ("Beaver"—sorry, Sir, but I know you will enjoy the joke) presented the medals won by the Barton Hill Boys at joint runners-up of Division III.

The St. Mary, Redcliffe, Club are running a concert at the Parish Hall, on Saturday, December 9th. The proceeds are for the unemployed of that Club—so roll up boys.

Both the top teams in Division III. remain undefeated. Emmanuel Sports and St. Michael's, Dundry, who head the Division, drew on the Downs 1—1 on December 2nd.

St. Mary's, Shirehampton, certainly know where the net is, although they are only half way up the Table. They have scored 30 goals.

## LEAGUE TABLES.

(Up to and including December 2nd, 1922.)

## DIVISION I.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
St. Mary, Redcliffe ... ..	7	5	1	1	20	4	11
St. Peter's, Bishopsworth ...	6	4	1	1	16	4	9
St. Luke's, Barton Hill ... ..	9	4	4	1	15	19	9
Publow and Pensford ... ..	5	3	0	2	20	3	8
Wadley's End, Mission ... ..	5	3	1	1	13	12	7
St. Nicholas, Whitchurch ... ..	6	3	2	1	13	16	7
Redcliffe Athletic ... ..	8	3	4	1	16	21	7
St. Saviour's, C.P.H. ... ..	9	2	6	1	12	24	5
St. Thomas ... ..	8	1	4	3	8	22	5
Holy Trinity, S.P. ... ..	5	1	3	1	11	12	3
St. Paul's Bedminster ... ..	4	0	3	1	2	17	1

## DIVISION II.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
St. Lawrence ... ..	11	9	0	2	38	9	20
St. Andrew's, Avonmouth ...	12	7	1	4	33	23	18
St. Peter's, Bishopsworth, Res.	10	8	1	1	44	16	17
St. Mary's, Stanton Drew ...	9	4	1	4	21	17	12
St. Nicholas, Whitchurch, Res.	9	5	3	1	30	19	11
Christ Church, C. of E. ... ..	8	4	2	2	18	9	10
St. Ambrose ... ..	9	3	2	4	25	17	10
St. Mary, Redcliffe Res. ... ..	9	3	2	4	17	16	10
St. Cuthbert's ... ..	11	4	6	1	24	22	9
St. Peter's, Pilning ... ..	11	3	6	2	15	31	8
Temple Church ... ..	11	1	10	0	11	48	2
Henbury ... ..	10	0	9	1	11	34	1
Horfield Church ... ..	8	0	8	0	9	36	0

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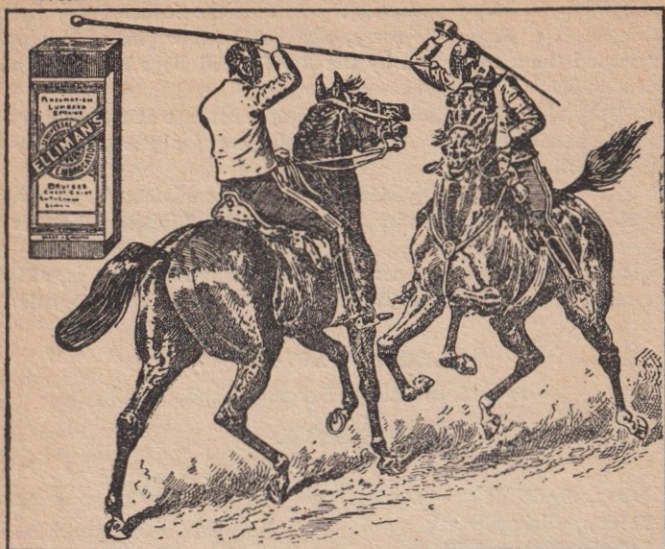
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## DIVISION III.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Emmanuel Sports ... ..	15	12	0	3	59	11	27
St. Michael's, Dundry ... ..	12	10	0	2	53	6	22
St. Simon's ... ..	12	9	1	2	36	10	20
St. Dunstan's ... ..	13	7	0	6	31	10	20
Redcliffe Athletic Res. ... ..	12	7	2	3	25	12	17
St. Anne's, Oldland ... ..	13	5	3	5	44	20	15
St. Andrew's Mission ... ..	10	5	4	1	35	19	11
St. Mary's, Winford ... ..	10	4	4	2	23	22	10
St. Mary's, Shirehampton ... ..	13	4	8	1	31	36	9
All Saints', Fishponds ... ..	12	3	7	2	22	33	8
St. Andrew's, Avon., Res ... ..	11	4	7	0	13	27	8
Stapleton Church ... ..	8	3	4	1	17	25	7
St. Michael's & All Angels, Bed. ... ..	9	3	5	1	13	23	7
St. Michael's, Stoke Gifford ... ..	12	2	8	2	19	30	6
C.L.B. Old Comrades ... ..	10	2	7	1	7	28	5
All Hallows ... ..	13	2	11	0	12	57	4
St. Matthew's, Kingsdown ... ..	13	1	12	0	2	74	2



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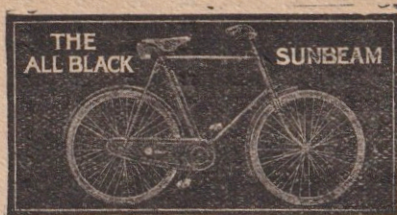
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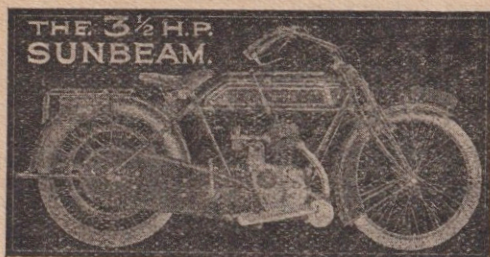
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### Junior Jottings

Now that we have three teams left in the Semi-Final of the "Youth's Shield," how many of you can predict the winner?

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What team out East Bristol way can always smile at the end of a match, although winning matches is out of the question?

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Our best wishes go out to these teams that can smile when defeated, as you must always bear in mind "That good losers always make good winners."

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What team has a player styled "Bomber," and whether there is any history behind it?

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What Junior player can be seen going home from his daily toils carrying a bag of chips?

\* \* \* \* \*

Whether his name originated from "Wood" or "Rock"?

\* \* \* \* \*

What League official was recently seen going his round with a lighted taper in his hand calling "Jumbo"?

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What team has a player named after a branch of a laundry, and whether this player felt pleased after his recent "hat trick"? Keep smiling.

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That's the stuff to administer unto them.

\* \* \* \* \*

The honour of lowering the colours of Fairfield and Victoria Athletic goes to University and Baptist Mills.

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How nice to have reports like this from defeated teams:—"Hearty congratulations to B.M. Fine sporty game, not a foul, excellent refereeing."

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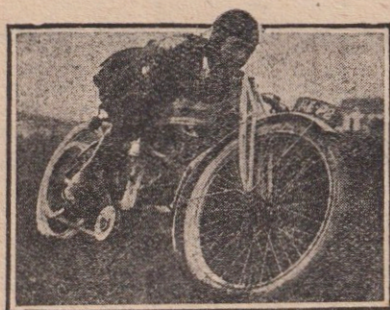


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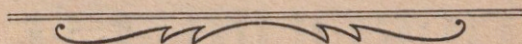
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Fairfield United ... ..	12	11	1	0	73	14	22
Easton Road U.M. ... ..	13	9	3	1	42	23	19
University Settlement ... ..	11	8	1	2	33	8	18
Hanham Baptist ... ..	13	8	3	2	45	19	18
Bedminster Wesleyans ... ..	9	7	0	2	48	6	16
Mangotsfield ... ..	9	6	1	2	37	12	14
Eastville Albion ... ..	12	6	6	0	31	37	12
St. Michael's ... ..	12	5	6	1	30	38	11
Winterbourne ... ..	11	5	6	0	29	28	10
Ashton Athletic ... ..	11	3	6	2	21	24	8
Belle Vue Athletic ... ..	11	2	7	2	8	40	6
Charlton ... ..	11	2	8	1	12	66	5
Horfield United Juniors ... ..	10	1	8	1	17	42	3
Rechabites ... ..	10	0	8	2	15	45	2
St. Mark's ... ..	11	0	11	0	11	56	0

## SECOND JUNIOR DIVISION.

(Up to and including Saturday, December 2nd.)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Victoria Athletic ... ..	13	10	1	2	63	9	22
Shirehampton Juniors ... ..	11	9	2	0	43	6	18
Dings Juniors ... ..	10	7	0	3	34	10	17
Victoria United ... ..	9	7	1	1	26	4	15
Baptist Mills Y.M.C.A. ... ..	9	7	1	1	24	6	15
East Bristol Y.M.C.A. ... ..	10	6	2	2	39	15	14
Hampton Villa ... ..	10	4	4	2	18	18	10
St. Silas ... ..	10	4	6	0	27	18	8
Park Villa ... ..	8	3	5	0	16	20	6
Stapleton ... ..	12	2	8	2	14	41	6
College Green A.S. ... ..	11	2	9	0	9	39	4
University Settlement Res. ... ..	10	1	8	1	10	32	3
Bedminster Victoria Juniors ... ..	10	1	9	0	10	67	2
Castle Green Juniors ... ..	7	0	7	0	5	55	0





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## What Others Think

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### "SPORTSMEN."

SOME folk have very crude ideas as to what constitutes a "sportsman," but I am not concerned as to whether, for instance, a regular supporter of professional football should be classed in that category or not. I want to point out to football players in general a few actions inconsistent with the true ideas of sport.

Some seasons ago a certain professional eleven introduced as their permanent Cup-tie game a style of so-called football which simply aimed at preventing their opponents scoring *at any price*, and relying on a chance breakaway goal to win the match. Since the war this class of professional football has increased until very few teams even try to play correct football, and the game is gradually being ruined from a spectacular standpoint. Unfortunately, local teams are now adopting the same methods, and it is no uncommon sight to see defenders deliberately kicking,, hacking, or jumping at opponents when they become dangerous. In fact, stopping them "at any price." Now, I ask, is this worth while? Is it worth while causing injury to an opponent, simply to prevent him scoring? Why not, if his football is superior, let him score? Surely one of your own forwards can occasionally master an opposing back? And if you win 1—0



by *dirty* play, but 7—6 by *clean* play, is not the latter preferable and a more enjoyable game? After all, football is only a game.

Another idea, win or lose, stick to your own team. It is no credit to win games by getting special players for important matches, or winning junior championships with senior players. No team lasts long adopting these methods, for the player who goes medal-hunting never sticks to one team, but is ever on the move.

Treat your opponents as friends, not enemies, remembering that it takes two sides to make a match, and both cannot win.

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### WHO IS TO BLAME?

The following reprint from the *Daily News* of November 30th makes interesting reading:—

### FIGHTS AT FOOTBALL.

#### SPECTATORS RUSH GROUND AT WELSH CUP TIE.

There were remarkable scenes at Dolgelley yesterday during the replayed Cup-tie between Barmouth and Portmadoc.

It was the fourth time the teams had met. At half-time Barmouth led by two goals. Soon after the second half started Portmadoc scored, and a few minutes later a dispute arose as to another goal scored by Portmadoc, the referee awarding a goal kick for Barmouth.

At this point spectators rushed on the ground, and free fights and kicking took place between the spectators.

The situation seemed serious owing to the large crowd fighting, but with police assistance the ground was cleared after ten minutes' delay.

The referee changed his decision, and awarded Portmadoc the goal resulting.

At full time both teams were level. Extra time was played, but no further scoring took place.

If matters take their usual course, in due time we shall hear of the ground being closed, or warning notices posted. Yet the referee admitted, by reversing his decision, that he had made a mistake, which caused the trouble.

**ALEXANDRA BILLIARD HALL,  
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## Are Referees good enough ?

I PRESUME " Onlooker " is a humourist, as surely he does not seriously imagine that the most *important* laws of the game are :—

1. The weight or dimensions of a ball ?
2. The actual size of a football pitch (maximum and minimum) ?
3. The number of offences from which a goal may be scored as the result of a free kick ?

Taking " Onlooker's " ridiculous estimate of two per cent. of the players as correct, yet can he give instances of the ball's weight or dimensions being checked ? Also to how many clubs does the actual size of a pitch matter—on the public parks they have to take what they can get, and few private grounds of small clubs are correct. So why worry ?

No. 3 may be important in its way, but how many referees *on the field of play, and on the spur of the moment*, know it ? One prominent Scottish Referee didn't, any rate.

" Onlooker " gives away—unintentionally I expect—the whole show by quoting these instances of the wise methods of theoretical tests for referees.

Players, even with brains and study, cannot defeat the " one back " game, because the *referee will not* permit them. There are not two per cent. of referees in local football who judge their offside decisions on " when the ball was last played." So, Mr. " Onlooker," put that in your pipe and smoke it, and next time you choose abusing the players' knowledge of the laws of the game, come to the point that matters.

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No. II.—  
HORATIO WATCHES.

**H**ORATIO Macdonald could not imagine that he had transgressed some of the unwritten laws of football, in his first experience of refereeing. Of course, the contretemps soon became public property, and on the following Monday evening the Secretary of the League called upon Horatio for an explanation of his match report, which ran as follows:—

“ Dear Sir,

“ The match, St. Agatha’s Juniors v. Broughton High School Old Boys, could not be played to-day, owing to the ground as originally marked out not conforming with the Laws of the Game. By the time the necessary alterations had been made, darkness intervened, and a start was impossible.

“ Yours faithfully,

“ H. MACDONALD,

“ Referee.”

At great length Horatio explained the circumstances.

“ But, Mr. Macdonald,” said the League Secretary, “ surely you are aware that in local football we have often to turn our blind side to such trivial matters?”

“ Trivial matters!” Horatio replied, with contempt, “ they are part of the Laws of the Game, and were questions actually asked at my Referee’s exam.”

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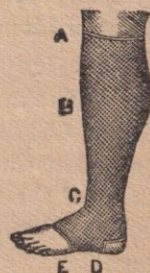
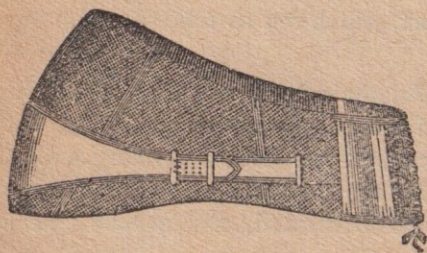
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"I know nothing except the Laws of the Game."

"Then I should advise you to keep your eyes open, and watch a few games before you referee again. Next week this affair will come before our representative meeting, and I suggest you attend. At any rate it will prove interesting."

For earlier in that day the St. Agatha's Secretary, with the thoroughness of a Sherlock Holmes, had been investigating Horatio's experiences of sport—practically nil—and had not been slow in expressing opinions of the appointment to the League officials he met.

Horatio pondered over the matter, and decided to watch a few matches the following Saturday.

The venue he selected for the purpose was the Broughton Flats, a huge expanse where 30 or 40 matches were played concurrently. Horatio determined to see as many pitches and matches as possible in one afternoon.

The first he came across was evidently an afterthought of those who arranged the pitches. In addition to a pronounced slope, across from corner to corner there was a footpath made by pedestrians as a short cut. The size was hopelessly small, the penalty area (even if of the correct measurements, which Horatio doubted) nearly reached the corner flags, the marking out, obviously done with a small paint brush, had been practically obliterated by the constant stream of people passing over the ground. Yet here was being played a League match, and an official referee was in charge, seemingly ignorant of any infringement.

In disgust Horatio passed along. A small pitch with an asphalt path on one side of it, and the flag in one corner over the other side of this path, came next, and then a pitch minus grass, marked out with sawdust. Further along a pitch with a seat on it, then one with a small bank along one side, and yet another where a miniature quarry evidently existed. At the back of most goals youths and boys were "shooting in" with large and small balls. They kicked and fetched these balls from the pitches, across which people walked if they so desired. Ofttimes



the balls from the neighbouring pitches dropped into the midst of the players, who simply kicked them back to whence they came. To Horatio it seemed endless confusion, rendered practically unbearable by the profusion of whistles. He was thankful that his first experience had not been on a public park.

On one pitch, which, although small, was properly marked out as far as could be judged, a match was being played between two senior teams, and a big crowd gathered around the touch-lines. A youngster with a collecting box promptly spotted Horatio, and came across to him.

"Excuse me," he said, "but aren't you Mr. Macdonald?"

"Yes, I am."

"I thought so. My name's Robins. I'm Secretary of the 'Botolphians.' Our youngsters were supposed to play at Kingsroad last Saturday. A nice mess-up, wasn't it?"

Horatio was at first not inclined to discuss the matter, but then thinking useful information possible, he replied, "It was certainly unfortunate, but unavoidable."

"Who said so? Who gave you authority to upset everybody?"

"I simply did my duty."

"Duty, be blowed. How about the pitches out here?"

"Well," replied Horatio, "these are free pitches, not private grounds."

"Yes, free pitches when you are lucky enough to get one. But old Johnson grabs five bob for marking out, another five bob goes for changing room, and still another for the ref."

"Why don't you get a private ground?"

"We did have one, but the old blighter who owned it charged nearly a pound a match, then objected to this and to that, until a park pitch was preferable. Spectators took some controlling on a private ground. Here it's easy."

"But surely," said Horatio, "you don't enjoy your games under these conditions?"

"Why not? There are drawbacks, of course, but what spoils the game really is bad refs. Now look at that."

A forward was dribbling through nicely, when the opposing back hurled himself at him, and the former dropped like a log.



"Play the game, Saints," a voice exclaimed.

"Dirty Saints," another added, and this was continued as the crowd rushed on the field and gathered around the injured player. No attempt was made to remove him, as given so clearly in special instructions, but all waited the player's recovery, when the crowd soon wended their way back to the touchlines. The referee blew his whistle, and to the consternation of all, prepared to *throw the ball down*. In vain the Botolphians appealed for a penalty, only to receive threats of being ordered off. The game proceeded, feeling gradually creeping into the play. The B's. were continually pressing, a back miskicked, and the ball was going outside the goalposts for a corner. But the goalie's pal, leaning against the post, neatly turned the ball into the goalkeeper's hands. Astounded that the referee had not noticed it, he fumbled, and only half cleared, the ball going straight to the opposing centre forward, standing alone, who scored, whereupon the referee *blew up for offside*. Pandemonium reigned, while the B's. pointed out that it couldn't be offside, and so the referee awarded *a goal*. Now protests from the Saints, and the spectator who admitted kicking the ball. Again he reversed his decision, and gave a *goal kick*, not a corner.

Still, it was a public park, and no serious disturbance seemed likely.

A few "Play the game, ref," and that was all.

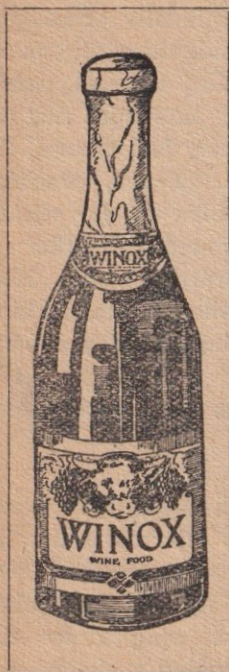
The game proceeded, players kicked, hacked, tripped and ankle-tapped, and it was a wonder serious injury was not inflicted. The score stood at one all, and every moment was exciting. Penned in their own half the Saints seldom looked dangerous. A melee on the Saints' right wing drew the opposing defence across, when, suddenly espying a chance, the Saints' right half, with a huge kick, sent the ball across to the left, well up the field. The Saints' outside left—a well-known sprinter—raced from his own half, secured the ball, and taking a first-time drive, scored with a magnificent shot just as the referee turned round and blew up for offside.

Of course the Saints' captain expostulated, pointing out the error. The referee remained firm, until the captain, thoroughly



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angry, ejaculated, "You ought to learn the game before you try and referee."

To this the referee replied, "The next time I have a word from you, off you go."

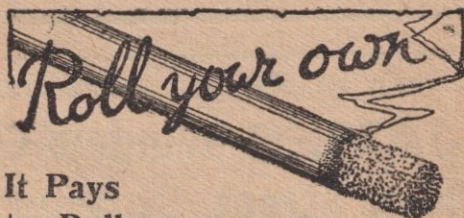
"Well, play fair then," the player answered.

*So he was ordered off.*

Bad decisions, weak refereeing, dirty play, spectators interfering, had all gone by the board, but insolence to the referee was inexcusable.

The Secretary had left Horatio alone, thinking. After all, wise or unwise, he *had* tried to see the Laws of the Game carried out the previous week.

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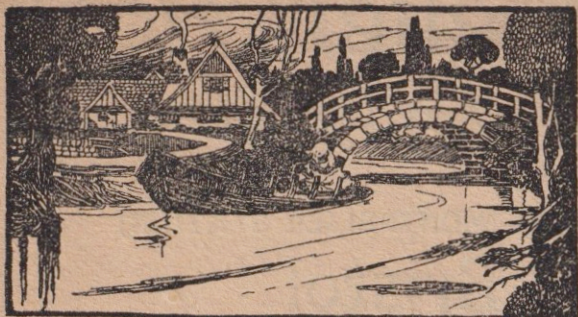
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## Cycling Notes

### Out of It.

**I** WONDER where the brilliant imbecile, who predicted a drier and hotter summer for this year than the one of 1921, was hiding his diminished head the while his prognostication was, day by day, being falsified. Let us hope, at any rate, that his summer holiday was spent in the dampest corner of this tight—not water-tight—little island, Manchester, say, or er—Stroud, when the “summer” weather was at its very wettest and its very worst. And may I add the pious aspiration that it may serve as a warning to him to never again venture into the realms of prophecy concerning a subject of which he knows—demonstrably—less than nothing.

No one, I imagine, will dispute the statement that the summer of '22 was neither a dry or a genial one, least of all for one whose out-of-door recreation takes the form of cycling. Personally, I have sustained more thorough soaking in pursuance of my runs and tours this year than in any other of my experience, and similar luck has, I doubt not, befallen most others who consistently follow the pastime. Damp, dirty and dismal, would be an apt description of much of the alleged summer weather, and I'm sure I could prove a big case for damages against the inspired idiot referred to above had I but his name and address, and could send him in my claim.

Having got the above off my chest, I feel relieved, and 'in calmer mood to recall to mind the many pleasant spins and happy days I have been able to extract out of the year, now fast



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drawing to its close, spite of its unfriendly attitude generally to all who love the genial warmth of the sun. And, after all, "it's a poor heart that never rejoices." There have been compensations, even apart from the pleasant rides aforementioned, for the wild, wet and windy summer. Leaving out the item, very small account of dusty roads, on the cycling side, on the domestic side there is half a sov. saved by not using the garden hose, and no limit to the water one has been permitted to add to his whisky, and the water companies have not requested us to use the water of our morning bath for culinary purposes afterwards, as they were nearly doing last year. 'Tis true, there is a small matter of "repairs to roof," damaged by the summer zephyrs and mists, against this, about a fiver, but I owe this, so why should I worry.

### WEST WALES AGAIN.

I shall never tire of Wales as a touring ground. This year my wife and I again selected the Principality for an eight days' run, with a view to covering some of the ground we covered last year, and some we unavoidably missed, under the deplorable weather conditions experienced in 1921, although the weather of that year was generally so remarkably fine. I shall not worry the reader with much detail of our jaunt this year, wishing merely to commend the route we took to anyone already visioning a next year's holiday awheel.

Our eight days were comprised of the August Bank Holiday week, with an extra Saturday. On our first day we rode through Gloucester, Newnham, Lydney and Chepstow, to Newport. On our second, Sunday, made Neath, via Cardiff, Bridgend, etc., and Porthcawl, being held up for three hours by heavy rain en route. At the Castle Hotel, Neath, we met an elderly gentleman who was touring the country in a motor-car. He told us he was born in Neath, but had gone out to Australia when a youngster, and had now come back to revisit the scenes of his childhood. On our suggesting that it must be a pleasant experience for him to return to old England, or Wales, he said, "What! I wouldn't be found dead in this country. I landed at Liverpool last Good Friday, in a snow storm, and I've never been warm since." I should like very much to be able to

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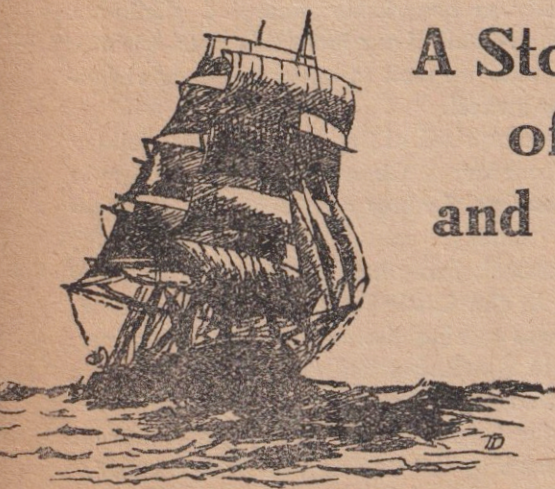
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introduce the old Australian to the hot-weather merchant of my previous article.

On Monday we went on through the Vale of Neath to Pont-Neath-Vaughan, scrambled up over some very rough ground, afoot, with our bicycles, to Hirwain, across the Black Mountains to the Brecon Pass, with the Brecon Beacons towering near 3,000 feet above, down into Brecon, and from thence into Builth. We had intended reaching Rhayader this evening, but a puncture delay made us later than we thought to be. We found we'd but one hour before lighting to do the  $14\frac{1}{2}$  miles between Builth and Rhayader, and it being a strip of new ground to us, we didn't care to risk it, having no lamps with us.

Next morning, Tuesday, a run through Newbridge-on-Wye, and the most delightful scenery beyond, to Rhayader, made us pleased with ourselves in that we had not come over the ground in the semi-darkness that would have been the case, had we chanced it the evening previous.

Now we made our way to Devil's Bridge, via the Elan Valley, and the cart-track through the mountains beyond the Birmingham reservoirs situated here.

We struck heavy rain about ten miles from Tenby. It lasted several hours, and meant delay. So we decided to put up here for this night; it was 7.30 when we arrived, and Caermarthen, our stage per our programme, is 27 miles distant, with no town where one would be likely to get hotel accommodation between. Tenby, new to us, is a beautiful town, though we saw it under the disadvantage of wet streets, heavily clouded sky, and a miserably cold evening.

On Friday, taking every phase into consideration, we had the grandest day's cycling that has ever fallen to the lot of either of us. Perfect roads for miles on end, grand scenery, and not one grimy town or squalid village to pass in all our journey through Caermarthen, Llandilo, Llandovery, and Brecon, to Abergavenny, and the country between.

On Saturday, our last day, we started with big hope of a pleasant journey to Bristol, to wind up with. Disappointment speedily awaited us. Three miles, or less, on our way, and we



noticed the rain-mist rolling over the mountains. Soon it was upon us. With short intervals of taking shelter, we reached Monmouth, via Raglan. At Monmouth we sheltered from a heavy downpour until 12 o'clock. Then we moved forward to Whitchurch. Whilst making a frugal meal of bread and cheese and cider at the inn here, rain descended in torrents. We waited awhile and then decided to ride through it. Up through the Forest of Ruradean and Micheldean—rain! rain! and on to the Ross-Gloucester road—rain! rain! On reaching Gloucester it eased off, and eventually stopped. A good hot meal, and at 5.30, no rain now, we started on our last stage. Still no rain, with the roads fast drying under a stiff head—for us—wind. We also were drying, and feeling quite comfortable as we plugged away against the breeze. At Falfield we saw it in front of us again. Milbury was obscured in the driving storm. This one lasted us nicely all the rest of our journey, so you can imagine the fires and hot baths that were called into requisition on arrival at our home, sweet home. 76½ miles this day, more than 50 of it in drenching rain. But we'd had a glorious holiday, all the same. Our mileage was: Saturday 77, Sunday 55½, Monday 58½, Tuesday 64½, Wednesday 56½, Thursday 41, Friday 95, Saturday 76½, total 524.

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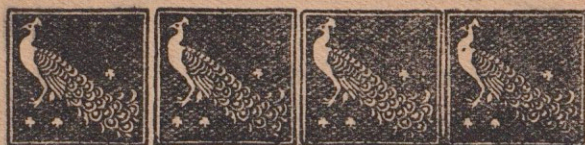
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Victoria Albions ... ..	6	6	0	0	20	1	12
Horfield United ... ..	6	4	0	2	23	6	10
Hanham Athletic ... ..	8	5	1	2	21	9	12
Comac ... ..	8	4	2	2	22	14	10
St. Philip's A. School ... ..	8	4	3	1	37	17	9
Avonmouth ... ..	9	4	4	1	22	14	9
Bristol Aero Coy. ... ..	8	4	4	0	16	24	8
Lyndale ... ..	9	2	6	1	15	19	5
Bristol Leather Trades ..	7	1	5	1	8	22	3
East Bristol Y.M.C.A. ... ..	10	2	8	0	18	29	4
Thornbury ... ..	6	0	5	1	8	30	1
6th Glosters ... ..	8	0	8	0	5	66	0

### DIVISION II.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Pucklechurch ... ..	11	9	0	2	42	6	20
Parson Street O.B. ... ..	11	8	2	1	28	11	17
Winterbourne Down Sports ...	13	8	5	0	28	15	16
Hamilton ... ..	11	6	3	2	40	21	14
Jennings, Ltd. ... ..	11	6	4	1	30	19	13
Newtown Old Boys ..	10	6	3	1	24	7	13
Eclipse ... ..	9	4	2	3	26	10	11
Fishponds Town ... ..	7	5	2	0	23	10	10
Brislington United ... ..	9	4	5	0	23	24	8
North Road (Yate) ... ..	9	3	6	0	19	23	6
Raleigh United ... ..	7	2	4	1	15	11	5
Warmley Tower Villa ... ..	9	1	7	1	6	32	3
R.F.A. (66th Brigade) ... ..	10	1	9	0	12	63	2
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Bedminster Victoria ... ..	8	7	1	0	23	11	14
Longwell Green ... ..	8	5	1	2	13	2	12
Redding United ... ..	9	6	3	0	25	11	12
Ashton City Reserves ... ..	9	4	3	2	18	13	10
Westbury ... ..	9	4	4	1	21	13	9
St. James' ... ..	10	4	6	0	22	26	8
St. Pancras Reserves ... ..	10	3	5	2	23	26	8
Iron Acton Rovers ... ..	10	4	6	0	18	23	8
Winterbourne Villa ... ..	6	2	3	1	8	16	4
Alveston D. Sports ... ..	9	1	6	2	7	20	4
John Hare and Co. ... ..	6	1	4	1	9	16	3
Wadley's End Mission ... ..	7	0	7	0	6	40	0

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	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Bitton ... ..	11	8	0	3	32	11	19
Glendale United ... ..	12	7	3	2	34	17	16
Eastville U.M. ... ..	10	6	1	3	41	18	15
Almondsbury ... ..	11	7	4	0	33	19	14
G.W.R. Loco. ... ..	9	6	2	1	31	10	13
Ding's Villa ... ..	10	6	3	1	26	12	13
Avonmouth Reserves ... ..	12	3	3	6	20	17	12
Bedminster Wesleyans ... ..	9	4	3	2	29	17	10
Parson Street Old Boys ..	11	4	5	2	21	20	10
Fishponds Town Reserves ...	6	4	1	1	18	10	9
Cowlin's Sports ... ..	8	3	3	2	12	11	8
St. Silas' Old Boys ... ..	10	3	5	2	18	21	8
Y.M.C.A. Brotherhood ..	9	2	7	0	7	37	4
Air Balloon Villa ... ..	14	1	12	1	17	81	3
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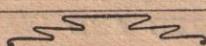


## DIVISION V.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
York House ... ..	12	9	1	2	35	11	20
J. Robertson and Sons ... ..	11	9	1	1	38	8	19
Bristol North ... ..	13	8	3	2	38	23	18
St. Mark's Baptist ... ..	13	8	3	2	33	25	18
Portwall Athletic ... ..	13	6	5	2	31	24	14
Clifton Victoria ... ..	13	5	5	3	26	23	13
Pucklechurch Reserves .. ..	9	6	3	0	26	12	12
Ashton United ... ..	12	5	5	2	27	18	12
Easton Athletic ... ..	13	5	6	2	24	17	12
Horfield United Juniors .. ..	11	4	6	1	35	27	9
Victoria Rangers ... ..	5	4	1	0	17	6	8
Castle Green ... ..	12	2	6	4	13	23	8
Carr House ... ..	8	1	4	3	9	32	5
Chris. Thomas and Bros. ... ..	9	1	6	2	7	31	4
Operative Bakers ... ..	12	1	10	1	12	49	3
Glendale United Reserves ... ..	10	0	9	1	5	48	1

## DIVISION VI.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Horfield Rangers ... ..	13	10	2	1	41	9	21
Avonleigh United ... ..	9	9	0	0	20	4	18
Rechabites ... ..	10	8	2	0	35	9	16
Victoria Rangers Reserves ... ..	12	6	3	3	30	17	15
St. Silas' Y.M.B.C. ... ..	11	6	4	1	24	14	13
Shirehampton ... ..	7	5	1	1	25	9	11
East Bristol Y.M.C.A. ... ..	6	4	1	1	26	7	9
Eastville U.M. Reserves ... ..	9	3	4	2	22	31	8
St. Pancras Guild ... ..	10	4	6	0	19	21	8
Montague Street Mission ... ..	13	3	9	1	16	25	7
Hardinge Villa ... ..	11	2	6	3	16	30	7
Stoates' Mills ... ..	11	2	7	2	10	34	6
Y.M.C.A. Brotherhood Res. ... ..	11	2	8	1	10	33	5
Whitehall United ... ..	11	1	8	2	11	33	4
Henleaze ... ..	10	1	7	2	10	30	4



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### SUBURBAN LEAGUERS TAKE NOTE.

**S**INCE the Handbooks have been issued—there are still some left, and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. S. C. Crocker) will be delighted to get relieved of them—numerous alterations have been made in Club Secretaries, dressing rooms, not forgetting the coming of several new Clubs, so that it would not be out of place to give a few of the changes. Clubs are asked to make a note, or either cut this page out and keep for reference. The alterations have been announced at the League meetings, but when that was done, perhaps pencil and paper could not be obtained to make a note, so it was carried in the “upper storey,” but only for a very short time, we are afraid in some cases. Some of the changes are as under:—

Lyndale's new Hon. Secretary is Mr. F. Lacey, 17 Alfred Street, Redfield, while Mr. Stanley Jones, Council House, Dragon Road, Winterbourne, Glos., will now act in that capacity for Winterbourne Villa. Iron Acton Rovers have also changed their Hon. Secretary to Mr. C. Blanchard, The Forge, Iron Acton, near Bristol. Jack Hall having left the Bristol Aeroplane Company, a new Hon. Secretary has been found in Mr. C. Thomas, 27 Collingwood Road, Redland.

Three important changes of dressing rooms are:—

Bedminster Y.M.C.A.:—Lowe's, High Street. (Ground, Downs).

J. Robertson and Sons:—“The Pilgrim Inn,” Grove Road, Brislington.

Ashton United:—Mr. Thorne's, 87 Greenway Bush Lane, Ashton Gate. (Ground, Ashton Park).

Eastville U.M.:—18 Ridgeway Parade, Upper Eastville. (Ground, Eastville Park).



## NEW CLUBS FOR OLD.

Since the last issue of *The Sportsman*, several resignations have been received and accepted, subject to the usual proceedings. Fortunately, however, new clubs have come along, but all the vacancies have not been filled, so if any reader should fall across a suitable friendly club who would like to take over a position in the Fourth Division, he would be doing the League a kindness if he put that Club on the track of one of the League's officials as soon as possible. The new clubs, together with their particulars, are as under :—

Division III.—Chris. Thomas and Bros. having been allowed to descend to the Fifth Division, to there take the place of Salem, Wadley's End Mission have been elected to the Third Division vacancy. The Rev. Weaver, Winterbourne, near Bristol, is the Hon. Secretary. Their Dressing Room will be at The Hall, Winterbourne, and the ground is close to the Dressing Room. Colours, Yellow and Black.

Division V.—Inland Revenue having resigned, Glendale United Reserves have been elected in the former club's place. Their Hon. Secretary, Colours, Dressing Room, and Ground will be the same as the First Eleven in Division IV.

Resignations have also been received from Cadbury Heath Y.M.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. Brotherhood, both from the Fourth Division. The League Committee could arrange for the latter club's position to be taken over by a friendly club, if one could be found. It is, therefore, up to the clubs to see what they can do.

## A THRILLING FINISH.

With only ten minutes to go and a lead of two goals, a club certainly looks like landing the both points. Such did not prove the case, however, in the match between Horfield United and Comac, in the Suburban League, Division I., on the former's ground at Toronto Road. Only ten minutes remained for play, and Horfield were then leading by three goals to one. The light, we are informed, was then going fast, but, very sportingly,

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the captains agreed to "carry on," and evidently see it through, as they shook hands on the decision. Comac were not finished with—far from it—as they then scored, and a minute from time netted again, so that the scores were then level, and the excitement was great this being only natural under the extraordinary circumstances. In a last desperate onslaught, Horfield were awarded a penalty, when only seconds, and not minutes, were wanted, but alas! the kick failed, and bang went the last opportunity of the Toronto Road side making good for their lapse in those last ten minutes. Yes, a game is never lost till it's won and no doubt the Comac players had it in their minds. So will Horfield, we may say, in the future. "Once bitten, twice shy!"

### A STRONG HALF-BACK LINE.

Until Bristol City played Luton Town it was not generally known that Harry Cockerill, the City half-back, once wore the straw-plaiters colours. He did, in the season before last, before going to Mid-Rhondda, from whence he came to Bristol. When at Luton the half-back line was: Roe, Lamb and Cockerill, and the critics often cracked jokes at that trio's expense, in styling them—"Fish, Lamb, and Poultry"—the strongest half-back line in the country. Can you see it? Certainly!!

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## OUR LUCK IN THE COUNTY CUPS.

(By "LEAGUER.")

It is many years ago since the clubs in the Suburban League have done so well in the G.F.A. County Cup Competitions as they have done during the present season. The success of so many of the clubs in the early rounds has had a nasty effect on the League's fixtures, as so many matches have been postponed. The majority of these are still not re-arranged, so the Secretaries of the Clubs concerned should give the matter their prompt attention, as the clubs now left in the various County Competitions will not be playing until the semi-final rounds come along in March next—March 3rd and 17th to be correct.

In the Senior (Amateur) Cup, Victoria Albions have done extremely well in disposing of the Cup-holders—St. Philip's A. School—four meetings being necessary before a definite result could be reached, and brought with it a nap hand for our Leaguers, and also for "Teddy" Bailes, as he bagged all the goals. His success got him a place in our League XI. against Bristol City Reserves, and doing well again on that occasion, Bailes has followed the footsteps of Smith and Figgures, and gone to the Ashton Gate Club, although at the time of writing he is only on amateur status. Hanham Athletic also represent us in this Competition, so we are not at all badly served up to the present. What will the next round bring, and will either reach the semi-final? Let's 'ope so!

We have two sound representatives for the semi-final of the Junior Cup, in Comac and Lyndale, and something or other seems to lead me to think that the Eastville Park men are going to "lift" that trophy. That may or may not be, but the way they trounced Staple Hill Reserves makes one think seriously!

In the Junior Cup we have particularly rosy prospects, as three of the four clubs for the semi-final round are our own—Raleigh United, Fishponds Town, and Bedminster Wesleyan—the other being the conquerors of Victoria Rangers—Westbury Park, the Downs League's representative. Three to one are certainly good odds—for backers.

The Youths' Shield is now in the possession of one of our clubs—Bedminster Wesleyan—and we certainly look like retaining it, as our interests in the semi-final will be in the hands—or feet—of Mangotsfield Juniors, University Settlement, and Victoria United, a strong trio, which should give us the winner—a least I hope so.







